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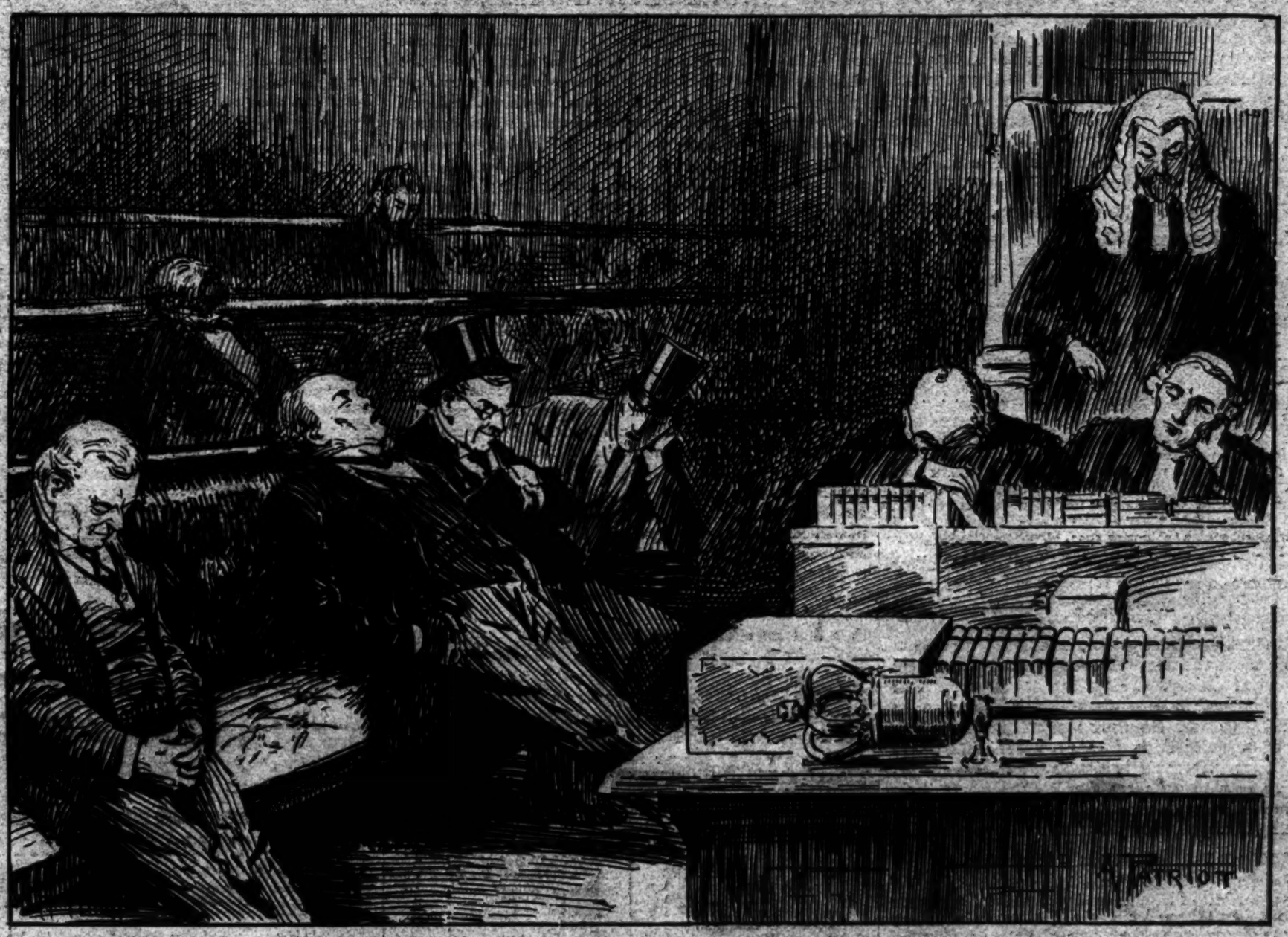

"A House half-empty and an atmosphere of sleep."

[Report of the Debate on the Parliament Bill on February 27, by "P.W.W." in the "Daily News."]

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

In political life nothing comes to him who waits. The political reformer who imitates the virtues of the Jerusalem donkey receives for his pains the same consideration that that estimable animal has had meted out to him for centuries. Revolt is the only argument which politicans understand; it is the only form of pressure which wrings action from those in authority. Patience and submission may obtain vague and elusive promises, but performance never.

The Welsh Revolt.

This salient law of politics, which forms the basis of the action of the Suffragettes, has recently had a striking illustration in the case of the Welsh Party in the House of Commons. For years the Welsh Party have been patiently urging upon the Liberal Ministry their demand for Welsh Disestablishment. The reward for their loyal and devoted services has been words of sympathy and occasional billets for their most prominent members. Last year a new spirit manifested itself in their ranks. They decided that unless deeds took the place of words they would become an independent party and withdraw their support from the Coalition. This new attitude at once brought the Government to book. Assurances of a more definite kind were given, but, taught by experience, the Welsh Party refused to recognise these as satisfactory, and on Tuesday last a deputation waited on the Prime Minister to place before him their ultimatum, which was to the effect that any attempt to give Home Rule, or any other Liberal measure, precedence over Welsh Disestablishment, would be met by the withdrawal of the Welsh Party from the Coalition. This is the kind of situation which Governments understand. The Prime Minister at once decided to yield, and announced that Welsh Disestablishment would be proceeded with next Session, thereby reversing the previously declared intention to postpone the question until Home Rule had been settled.

The Methods of the Unenfranchised.

These same tactics which have won this promise will, if they are continued, compel its performance next year, for the Welsh Party, though a mere handful in the House of Commons, are able, by refusing their consent, to make the continuance of the Government in office practically an impossibility. The situation that the Welsh can bring about by the exercise of their votes, women, who are without this means of constitutional pressure, have to create in other ways. And this is still possible, even though those who are prepared to enter upon active revolt are only a minority; for without the consent of that minority the government cannot be carried on. Opposition to the Census, even by a small section of women, can render the Census invalid. Resistance to taxation can clog the business of the courts. Protests at public meetings and deputations to Parliament can hamper the Government machinery. These methods of revolt, though illegitimate for those who have other recognised means of redress, become a necessity and a duty for those who have no other weapons for use in their struggle for human liberty.

Government's Methods of Barbarism.

Against those who employ such tactics the Government, if they prefer coercion to reform, are fully entitled to put the law into motion, but they are not entitled to employ such methods of barbarism as were used against the women's deputations in November last. Lord Robert Cecil, in a powerful speech delivered last week to the Actresses' Franchise League, which we give on p. 367, characterised these methods of the Government as a perfect scandal to the country, and added that the failure of the House of Commons to insist upon a searching investigation into the facts seemed to him to

provide an overwhelming reason for the extension of the franchise to women. In our leading article this week, Miss Christabel Pankhurst shows up the true character of Mr. Winston Churchill's attitude towards this matter.

Forcible Feeding in Pentonville.

Mr. Winston Churchill has refused the application of the new prison rules to the case of Mr. Abbey, the member of the Men's Political Union arrested last week for attempting to scale the walls in Downing Street, and as Mr. Abbey refuses, under these circumstances, to obey regulations or eat prison food, Mr. Churchill has arranged that the disgusting operation of forcible feeding shall be carried out in his case. Replying to Lord Hugh Cecil in the House of Commons on Tuesday last, Mr. Churchill defended his decision on the ground that in his discretion he considers Mr. Abbey's offence constitutes serious violence. This view does not accord with the facts, nor with the evidence given in court, which alleged no act of violence against Mr. Abbey. Moreover, it is clearly not the view taken by the magistrate, who, instead of passing sentence on Mr. Abbey, in the first instance ordered him to be bound over to keep the peace, and only on his refusal to accept this alternative sent him to prison for three weeks as a surety prisoner. The utter irresponsibility with which the Home Secretary abuses, for political purposes, the wide powers of discretion with which he is entrusted are becoming every day a more serious menace to the good government of the State.

The Release of Mrs. Woolmore.

At last, after three weeks of delay and prevarication, the Home Office has ordered the release of Mrs. Woolmore, whose wicked and unjust sentence has formed the cause of repeated comments in this paper. *The Christian Commonwealth*, to whom belongs the credit of being the first to draw public attention to the case, sums up the situation in this week's issue as follows:—

> Mrs. Woolmore has been released. That is so far satisfactory. But she ought never to have been imprisoned, and the fact that we could not get her out until she had served three of the six weeks to which she had been sentenced gives another rude shock to those persons who fondly imagine that law and justice as administered in this country are synonymous. People who grow hot with indignation over persecution and tyranny in Russia are strangely callous when they are practised in their own land under their very eyes.

The final decision of the Home Secretary to allow Mrs. Woolmore to regain her liberty was brought about by the public-spirited action of Mrs. Wyatt, who wrote to him offering that if he would release Mrs. Woolmore she would fetch her from prison, take her into her own home, and, when she was well enough, start the family under better conditions. This offer was accepted. Our readers will be glad to know that Mrs. Wyatt, who by her action is doing something to repair the mischievous methods of legal injustice, is a prominent and active member of the Women's Social and Political Union. We wonder how many more Annie Woolmores there are still in Holloway on the tragic facts of whose lives the fierce light of public enquiry has not been shed!

Militant Methods in the Isle of Man.

Very drastic prerogatives are being claimed by the Governor of the Isle of Man in dealing with the Legislature of the island. As Chancellor of the Exchequer, he refuses to allow any discussion by the House of Keys on financial proposals not initiated by himself. In particular, he has vetoed in advance the Old Age Pension proposals which the members desired to carry. Mr. Winston Churchill has been appealed to, but he supports the Governor in the exercise of his veto. The members of the House of Keys say that Mr. Churchill refuses to hear any but the Governor's side of the case, and as a protest they are conducting a Legislative strike, refusing to meet or transact any business until their grievances have been attended to.

Teachers and the Vote.

The Executive of the National Union of Teachers, at their meeting on Saturday last, unanimously adopted the following resolution:—

"That this Executive expressed its sympathy with those members of the National Union of Teachers who desire to possess and exercise the Parliamentary franchise, but—because they are women and for that reason alone—are by law debarred from it."

This resolution will be placed on the Agenda for the forthcoming Conference of the Union in the name of the Executive.

The Queen's Train.

We learn with satisfaction and pleasure that in connection with the Coronation ceremony the Queen has decreed that her train shall be borne, not by pages according to custom, but by the daughters of Peers. This apparently unimportant decision about a matter of detail is not without significance. It is not a small thing in our estimation, that the greatest lady in the land should take an opportunity of conferring a new duty and dignity upon members of her sex. This action will knit the hearts of women closer to her than ever.

Items of Interest.

On the initiative of Mrs. Corbett the Penrhyn Town Council passed a resolution, by a large majority, calling upon the Government to grant facilities for the Suffrage Bill in the House of Commons provided it passes its second reading. A resolution in favour of the Bill has also been passed by a large majority in the Dover Town Council.

The Norwegian Cabinet has resolved to place before the Storthing a proposal to extend to women the right of admission to all public offices except membership of the Cabinet, Military, Diplomatic and Consular posts, and benefices in the State Church.

SELF-DENIAL WEEK.

We desire to direct the attention of all readers of this paper to the fact that the annual week of Self Denial and Special Effort on the part of members and supporters of the Women's Social and Political Union begins to-morrow. Many hundreds of our members practice self-denial all the year round. They give up week by week many hours to standing in the streets and selling VOTES FOR WOMEN. They expose themselves constantly to violence in their determination to bring the great question of Women's Enfranchisement before the notice of Cabinet Ministers at public meetings. It is owing to their untiring efforts that great meetings are successfully organised throughout the country. Every penny that can be spared is devoted to the extension of the movement to which they have devoted all the energies of their life. Once a year a special opportunity is given to those of our supporters to whom this question is one amongst many interests to give up during this week some definite pleasure or luxury and to contribute the equivalent to the Campaign Fund, and thus lighten the burden which all the year round falls upon the shoulders of the inner circle of devoted members of this Union. Even during this week the great part of the work will be undertaken by those who, all the year round, are hard at it. Collecting boxes will be held outside the Tube stations and in public places. A house-to-house canvass is being undertaken by many of our local organisers and local Unions, home-made jams, sweets and cakes are being made and sold by busy housewives, and all the members of the Union are making special efforts to fill up the collecting card. We call upon the general public to support them in their effort; to help them and us to put together a great fund at the outset of the new financial year upon which we enter this month. All contributions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, 4, Clements Inn, London, W.C.

GETTING NEW READERS.

Evidence continues to accumulate of the boycott by the London newspapers of all news favourable to Woman Suffrage, and of all letters written by prominent members of the Suffrage societies to combat misstatements made by their opponents. During the last few weeks various statements have appeared in the papers to which a reply was immediately required, but, although care was taken to see that a correction was forwarded at once, none has been published. This is true equally of the alleged facts of Anti-Suffragists and of the official denials by Mr. Churchill with regard to the scandalous treatment of the deputation in November.

It is therefore of the utmost importance at the present time that no efforts should be spared to get new regular readers for the paper. The best way to do this is to fill in for a friend an order form for the paper to be sent to her from the head office every week for six months. The cost for the whole of this period is only 3s. 3d., and this sum is certainly well spent. Please write on the order form the name and address of your friend and your own name and address and post it to the Circulation Manager, W.S.P.U., VOTES FOR WOMEN, 4, Clements Inn, together with the postal order for the amount. If your friend lives abroad the sum sent must be 4s. 4d.

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Mrs. Maclachlan	2	Miss M. Smallwood	1
Mrs. H. J. Robinson	1		1,421
Miss M. Lilley	1		

In addition to the above the following members have obtained new readers who prefer to get their paper through the local newsagents:—Miss Gurney, 3; Miss K. Kemp, 4; Mrs. Dove-Wilcox, 3; Civil Servant, 3; Miss C. Eldridge, 1.

Among the many interesting letters which we have received this week is one from a Huddersfield member, who writes to say that she took four copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN the first week, eight the second, twelve the third, and hopes to be able to increase the number each week.

Miss Goodliffe takes in twelve copies weekly which she sends away to various people. At the time of a deputation or when there is anything very important in the paper, she buys three to five dozen for distribution. Miss Vibert sends three copies weekly. Miss Davis also sends three copies away every week and more at deputation times.

We have now had altogether ten offers to supply the paper to Free Libraries. Of these five have now been taken up, namely, Ilford, Eastbourne, Portobello, the Bishopsgate Institute, and the Literary and Scientific Institute, Chippenham. We have therefore still five offers available, and shall be glad to hear from any one who can make use of the paper for their library.

F. W. P. L.

THE DEPUTATION.

Although the Census protest is the subject of immediate concern, the need of preparing for a possible deputation to Westminster in May is not being overlooked. One member of the Union, at present in hospital, writes:—"Only being unable to leave my bed unassisted will prevent me being a member of the next deputation, if it is necessary to have another. It is only a duty, and no sacrifice, for every woman to do all in her power to bring about the end of this heart-breaking struggle. The little that I can do is to go through the mill again if need be. It may be that the fact that I have not money to give to help forward the work which makes me unable to judge, but it has always seemed to me that giving money ought not to satisfy the donors, but that they ought to take part in the active work. Thus their gift to the cause would be doubled."

During the past few days, additional promises from Leicester have been added to those referred to last week.

A Southsea member intends to devote her annual holiday to serving any sentence of imprisonment which may be imposed upon her in consequence of her action as a member of the deputation.

C. H. P.

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Visitors to the weekly meetings at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W., are very fortunate in having, week after week, the subject of "Votes for Women" dealt with from many different and interesting points of view. On Monday, March 13, at 3 p.m., besides Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., members and friends will have the pleasure of hearing Mr. Harold E. Gorst, the well-known writer, and son of the Rt. Hon. Sir John Gorst. Miss Christabel Pankhurst will speak at the Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square, W., on Thursday, March 16, at 8 o'clock.

The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

Our readers will be interested to learn that the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, are holding a special exhibition of all the original drawings of cartoons which have appeared in VOTES FOR WOMEN during the past two years. The cartoons have always aroused considerable interest both inside and outside the movement, and this exhibition will be a unique opportunity for seeing the originals. The cartoons will be on exhibition from Monday, March 13, to Saturday, March 25. There will be no charge for admission, and readers are encouraged to bring friends and sympathisers. The cartoons may be purchased at half a guinea each.

On Monday, March 13, the Woman's Press will publish Mr. Laurence Housman's wonderful paraphrase of Aristophanes' "Lysistrata." Paper covers, 6d. net; cloth, 1s. net. A new leaflet, "A Message from the W.S.P.U.," has been printed, and is now on sale, price 9d. per hundred, 6s. per thousand, post free. This is a leaflet it is desirable to get into the hands of every woman in the land, and members are invited to co-operate in its distribution.

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MUSQUASH COATS.

Owing to the fall in the price of Musquash that occurred at the January Skin Sales, we have been able to produce a limited number of long Musquash Coats at the exceptionally low price of 19½ gns.

It is anticipated that these skins will be dearer at the next sales, after which the price of these Coats will probably not be less than 29 gns.

Long Fine Musquash Seal Coats (*as sketch*), made from bright selected skins, and quite fresh and fashionable.

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LORD ROBERT CECIL ON THE SITUATION.

Extracts from a Speech at a meeting of the Actresses' Franchise League, Criterion Restaurant, March 3, 1911.

In the course of my life I am compelled to address a good many meetings, but I can safely say that I never speak to any meetings which are more crowded or more enthusiastic than those in favour of the extension of the vote to women.

[Lord Robert Cecil then referred to the presence on the platform of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and said that it would not be respectful either to Mrs. Lawrence or to those in the audience who sympathised with her, not to state frankly or openly his disagreement on the question of militancy.] He continued:

I am not a militant Suffragist, and this for two reasons. One a small one, relatively, which I will deal with first. I do not think that at this stage of the movement militant methods are desirable. I may be quite wrong. I should not be so foolish—no one in his senses would be so foolish—as to deny that militant methods have been of service, or, at any rate, have been of use in the past, whether we approve of them or not. But, in my judgment, their usefulness has ceased. May I just tell you what, in my opinion, is even more desirable than militant methods, from my own personal experience? I think the main and essential thing is organisation, and the rather dull, tedious work known as canvassing and persuading electors to put this question before all others. If you had in each constituency even one or two hundred electors who were prepared to vote for either candidate in accordance with his views on this question, you would have such a force as even the present Government would not resist. I am convinced that that is what is most required in the Suffrage movement at the present time.

I have something more to say on this subject before I leave it. It is, that I do not think militant methods are justifiable. That is an opinion which I fully understand a great many people do not share. I want to say at once that I am not prepared to say that under no circumstances are militant methods justifiable in regard to this or any other question. To my mind, concerted law breaking—that is what we mean by militant methods, is it not?—really attacks and shakes the very foundations on which society exists. Therefore, concerted law breaking is a tremendously serious step to take. It is in the nature of a rebellion. I am never going to say that rebellion is never desirable. No one who has read history would say such a thing as that. But I say that rebellion is only justifiable in the most extreme cases, when intolerable injustice is being inflicted, when the ordinary guarantee of liberty and security no longer exists, when property is unsafe and life insecure—under those circumstances, and only under those circumstances, is rebellion justifiable. I am not going to argue that. I have not unlimited time at my disposal. I have stated my opinion. What I wish to add is this, that though I am strongly in favour of the extension of the franchise to women though I am convinced that the interests of women and the interests of the country alike require it, I am not convinced, I am far from convinced, that a condition has been reached in which rebellion is justifiable.

Now, all that I am entitled to say, because I am a Conservative. But none of it should be found in the mouth of a Liberal. When Liberal statesmen, or Liberal politicians, hold up their hands in pious horror at the proceedings of some of the more extreme section of Suffragists, I say that they are guilty of hypocrisy. For the whole history of the last five years of the rule of the Liberal Party has been one of encouragement of mob violence. They have deliberately taught great sections of their fellow-countrymen—Irish and others—that it is to violence and violence alone that they yield, and, as for this question of reform, why, violence lies on every page of every chapter. We have heard of the riots of 1832, the Hyde Park railings of 1867, and I can remember in 1884, when meetings were held by people who opposed the extension of the franchise, they were frequently stoned by those who were in favour of it. Those who have taught that lesson to the people have no right to complain that their lesson is acted upon by the women of to-day. And even in these modern times, in the last few years, anti-vivisectionists, passive resisters, even the South Wales miners the other day, the best friends of the Home Secretary,—all are taught that law breaking is not only not objectionable, but is in itself rather an admirable thing, and, in any case, the only way to induce a Liberal Government to do justice.

I have stated as strongly as I could that I disagree with militant methods. But if ever they were justified, they would have been justified in this case. No supporters of any cause have received such provocation as those women who are in favour of Woman Suffrage. You all know the story of the forty years or more of constitutional agitation; the repeated acceptance of the principle of the Suffrage by the House of Commons, the promises constantly made and constantly broken by your political friends—or so-called friends. I remember, to take one instance only of many, how in the year 1909, certain friends of yours, strong Liberals, obtained a good place in the ballot, and immediately brought in a Bill which they knew and intended to be perfectly hopeless of success from the very outset. Devices and dodges of that kind are unworthy of politicians, and calculated, if anything is calculated, to provoke those against whom they are exercised to a breach of the law. Last year we know what happened. You obtained two days for the discussion of your Bill on the second reading. You passed it by an enormous majority. And then, by a deliberate exercise of the growing despotism of the Government of the day, you were deprived of the opportunity, not only of passing your Bill, but of having it fairly discussed by the two Houses of Parliament.

A Scandal to the Country.

And I want to say this, and I want to say it very clearly, that to my mind the facts that have recently been given to the public as to the outrageous treatment of the deputation of last November, are a perfect scandal to this country. I do not intend to say for a moment that the deputation were right in going to the House of Commons, but I do say this, that if they were wrong, they took the course they did with as little interference with other people, as small and as gentle a breach of the law, as was consistent with their purpose. If they acted illegally they also acted peacefully, yet they were treated in a way in which I venture to say a mob of hooligans clamouring for plunder would never have been treated in this country. Unless, indeed, the whole of what these women have said is absolutely false—I do not myself doubt that it is true—if there be any doubt about its truth, it lies with the Government to clear that doubt up. Here are charges of the most serious kind made by responsible persons, made by numerous persons, corroborated by medical evidence. Those charges it is impossible to dismiss with the official flippancy of the Home Secretary. I should like to read just one, to show to those who perhaps are not so familiar with the subject as some of you, that what I have said is not exaggerated. This is one and only one instance:—

> On the Wednesday I saw a young girl, with fair hair and white cap, try to get into one of the gates. A policeman knocked her down. She got up, and the police pushed her on while she tried to tidy her hair. Another policeman gave her a push into another policeman's arms, who pushed her back, and then gave her another push, and before she could recover simply hurled her to the ground, where she landed within a foot of a motor, lying quite still and apparently unconscious. I asked him, "Are you a man or a beast?" "I will 'beast' you," he said. I bent over her and said, "Oh, you have killed her." Then he kicked her savagely and said, "Well, take that then."

How did all this occur? We are told that the police were instructed not to make more arrests than they could help. I ask, by what right were such instructions given? The duty of the police is no greater, their rights are no greater than those of any other citizen in this city. Their duty is to prevent a breach of the law, and if the breach is persisted in to arrest those who break it. Their duty is to arrest, but their duty is not to beat the citizens of this country. If these charges are true they are scarcely better than anything that might take place, I will not say in Berlin, but in St. Petersburg itself. And I say this, that if one-tenth of the charges that are here made had been made in reference to men under similar conditions, the whole country would have rung with the indignation of the politicians who rely on their votes.

No incident has occurred in my time which seems to me a stronger argument for granting the franchise to women than this incident, and if the House of Commons, after being made aware of these facts, as I understand they have been made aware of them, fail to insist on a searching inquiry—not into the conduct of the police so much as into the orders by which the police acted—then I say that the case for female Suffrage will not only be strong but it will be overwhelming.

But, strong as that incident is to show that in the interests of women themselves they ought to have the vote, I have never thought—I do not think now—that that is the strongest part of our case. To my mind, we ought to approach this question, not in the interests of one class, or even of one sex. The vote should be regarded, as it has been well said, as a trust and not as a right. We ask, I ask, at any rate, for the vote to be extended to women because I am confident that if they had the vote the Government of this country would be better carried on. I believe we need in the direction of this country the female point of view. I am in favour of the Suffrage, not because I think women are as good as or better than men, or even like men, but just because they are not like men, because they constitute a very large section of the population, and because it is an outrage if we believe in representative government at all that this large section of the population, with a different point of view from the rest, should not be consulted in the making of the laws which are to govern the whole. No one who has read history can doubt that women are fully capable of exercising the governing faculty. I believe that many of the evils we suffer from arise from a want of consideration of their point of view, and I will always do whatever in me lies to secure for this country the benefit of that great reform.

MRS. PETHICK LAWRENCE'S SPEECH.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, in the course of her speech, said that if she interpreted aright the wishes of Lord Robert Cecil and of the meeting it was that she should give an explanation and show a justification of militant methods. There were many people who held the opinion that in a moral crusade the weapon used should be moral force only and not physical force. There were others who held that active resistance might be the duty of men but was inconsistent with women's dignity. The one objected to militancy on the ground of morality, the second on the ground of good taste. What did they think of the woman who had been commended recently by a magistrate and had been decorated by the King. What had that woman done? She had rushed up to a man in the open street, seized him by the arm and had struck him repeatedly in the face. Did they agree that this action was justified? The motive in this case was the desire to protect the innocent and to bring the guilty to justice. The same motives underlay the action taken by Militant Suffragists. The man attacked by Mrs. Wright was a thief. The system attacked by the militant suffragists was a system of a legalised robbery which taxed women while denying them representation, and this system was represented by the Government of the day. It was not the first time in history that a Government had been attacked on the very same ground. In the 17th century, Hampden, Pym and Eliot had resorted to concerted lawbreaking in resistance of an unjust law. The lawyers of that day said that the levying of ship money was a legal proceeding; but the principle that the people could be taxed without their consent was opposed on the part of these "patriots" by passive resistance, expressed in their refusal to pay taxes and by active resistance in their resort to arms. And a king paid for his unconstitutional action with his life.

In the 18th century the same drama was enacted, and the American colonists, by methods of passive resistance followed by those of active resistance, vindicated once more the principle that "taxation without representation is tyranny." If John Hampden and George Washington were justified in the eyes of the world, could justification be withheld from Militant Suffragists?

The magistrate did not suggest to Mrs. Wright that instead of striking the man in the face, she ought to have used argument and persuasion; had he done so she would have replied that the man had a revolver in his hand. Suffragettes on the other hand had used every method of persuasion and argument and peaceful demonstration, as Mr. Balfour pointed out in the House of Commons as long ago as 1892. Directly they began to protest in such a way as to draw the attention of the public to the misdeeds of the Government, their opponents pointed the revolver at their heads. That such was the case was illustrated in the story of the first so-called militant protest when Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney were with great violence thrown out of a meeting for asking a question of a representative of the Government in question time. Imprisonment followed. This policy of violence has been the policy of the Government throughout the five years of the "militant" agitation and culminated in the scenes that took place in Parliament Square on November 18, to which reference had been made by the last speaker. The Government's methods of violence had caused immense suffering, injury, and in two cases death to women struggling for their constitutional liberties, whereas the so-called militant campaign had resulted in injury to no one but suffragists themselves. As a matter of fact the physical force manifested by Militant Suffragettes had been of a symbolic character. It had been the expression and the only possible expression of the great moral force which inspired the whole movement and ensured its ultimate triumph.

No one who had studied the history of this movement could deny that politically the methods had been abundantly justified. Five years ago two women only had been found ready to expose themselves to violence and risk injury because of the deep conviction that was theirs. Last November 400 women had faced the terrible ordeal of Black Friday without flinching, had manifested an indomitable courage, and had thereby placed the Government in very considerable difficulty. Should another deputation to Parliament be necessary, there would be next time 1,000 women prepared to act, and the Government would be forced to choose between giving votes to women or building prisons for women. The militant agitation would have to go on with ever increasing force until justice was vindicated, right established, and the victory of freedom over tyranny and oppression gained.

The Rt. Rev. Arnold Harris Mathew, D.D., also spoke. The Bishop said he was heartily in favour of Woman Suffrage, and as a member of the Church militant, and also a native of Ireland, could not logically object to militant tactics. "If you cannot drive an idea into a man's head by argument, then, as we say in Ireland, you must do it with a shillalah."

CENSUS RESISTANCE.

We have received from a correspondent a letter protesting against the adoption of the Census policy. "Statistics," she says, "are not compiled for the amusement of the Government of the day. Their main usefulness is to serve as a storehouse, where statesmen and social reformers of every shade of thought may find the material from which to forge the weapons for fighting their battles." She adds that the strength of the Suffrage movement makes it certain that as a result of the protest the returns will be seriously vitiated and the Census of 1911 will, in the statistical tables of the future, have to be marked with an asterisk and a note, "unreliable as regards the female population." In her opinion—and, indeed, in ours—that will be an enduring monument to the determination of the women of 1911, but she believes that it will also be a monument placed so as to hinder the march of future progress.

The considerations urged by our correspondent have not been overlooked in deciding upon the Census protest, but we are convinced that there are other considerations which far outweigh them, and make the Census protest imperative. At this time of crisis in the women's movement, when the fortunes of the Conciliation Bill hang in the balance, there is grave need of some striking and unmistakable sign on the part of women that they are resolved at all costs to secure political freedom. The destruction of the impending Census and the consequent necessity of taking a further Census, would be, in our opinion, a small price to pay for the great benefit which will accrue to the nation as the result of women's enfranchisement. But if the price should be thought too heavy, then the remedy is plain Let the Government give an assurance that the Conciliation Bill shall be carried in the present year, and the Census protest will be abandoned as unnecessary. Again, though we recognise the utility of the Census as a basis of legislation, we are very apprehensive that the forthcoming Census may, unless women get the Vote, be made the excuse for legislation bearing most oppressively and unfairly upon women. If not by evil intention, then by failure to appreciate the woman's point of view, legislators elected only by men are likely to do more harm than good in making laws for voteless women.

Mrs. Gertrude Jones, writing to the *Times*, while expressing her admiration for "the tenacity and zeal which the Suffrage cause has called forth during recent years," objects to the Census protest, chiefly on the ground that "the fashion will be set in vitiating public records, and a precedent thus created as dangerous as it may be far-reaching." Our reply to her also is that responsibility for so grave a state of affairs rests not upon women, who have tried every peaceful method of agitation without success, but upon the Government, whose blind and reactionary policy has driven us to the adoption of such measures as this.

During the past week the names of those who intend to share in the Census protest have been sent in in great numbers. For the convenience of readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN the special Census pledge-card is again reproduced below, together with the replies to a large number of questions relating to points of detail.

Census resistance takes two forms. The first and most important is that of direct resistance by occupiers who refuse to fill in the Census form and lay themselves open to a penalty. Occupiers for this purpose include not only occupiers in the ordinary sense, but also lodgers, boarders, and residents in hotels, who may apply to the enumerator for their district (who is the local registrar of births and deaths) for a special Census form for their personal use. The maximum penalty for refusing to fill in the Census form is a fine of £5. The alternatives to this fine are the seizure and sale of goods to the amount of the fine, or a term of imprisonment not exceeding one month.

The second and less important form of protest—namely, Census evasion—lays the protester open to no penalty at all. Census evaders may, in order to escape inclusion in the Census return, spend the night of April 2 in the house of an occupier who has decided to refuse to fill in her Census form, or at one of the all-night gatherings, several of which are being arranged.

Resistance Form.

1.—I, being a woman Occupier, undertake to refuse to fill up my Census Form, and to write across the form the reason for my refusal.

2.—I, being a Lodger or Boarder, or resident in an hotel, undertake to apply to the Census Authorities for a special form for my own use, and to refuse to fill in the particulars, writing across the form the reason for my refusal.

3.—I, being a male Occupier, undertake not to fill in upon the Census Form any particulars concerning the women inmates of my house, and to write across the form the reason for this action.

4.—I, being a woman unable to protest in any of the ways mentioned above, undertake to adopt such other measures as may be necessary to escape inclusion in the Census return.

Strike out the clauses that do not apply to your case, sign your name and address below, and return in an envelope to—

Miss OLIVE SMITH, W.S.P.U.,
4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

Mr., Mrs., or Miss _____

FULL Address _____

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QUESTIONS.

1.—My sister and I are joint occupiers. Must one leave the other and go to another resister's house on April 2 to avoid being liable to the penalty incurred? We have decided to resist the Census, but naturally we do not both wish to pay the fine.

It would be well for one sister to absent herself from the house in order that the other sister may be solely responsible. We may add that if she has no knowledge as to who spends the night of April 2 in the house she will have an additional security against being held responsible, as all that the Census Act requires of occupiers is to fill in the Census form "to the best of their knowledge and belief."

2.—If my brother, who is a boarder in my house, does not receive a separate Census paper, and I receive one, will he be liable to a fine in addition?

No. You, as occupier, are the sole person responsible. The other inmates of the house escape all liability under the Census Act.

3.—I am the tenant of our flat. I shall be glad to know if my husband will be in any way responsible if I refuse to enter his name as well as my own and my maid's name on the Census form?

You, as tenant of the house, will alone be responsible. When the enumerator calls at your house with the paper explain to him clearly that you are the tenant of the house, lest by some error your husband's name should be entered in his list of occupiers.

4.—My husband is willing to go away for the Census night, and let me fill the house with Suffragists. He would, however, like to know whether he would have to fill in the Census paper, as he does not want to lose his time before a magistrate or pay a fine.

If your husband absents himself from the house at the time when the Census is taken, leaving you in charge of it, we believe that you, and not he, will be responsible for filling in the form. In any case, as your husband will not know who occupies the house in his absence, he will not be able to fill in the Census form; and we would point out, in this connection, that the Census Act does not require an occupier to do more than fill in the form "to the best of his knowledge and belief." In the absence of knowledge of the necessary facts he cannot be compelled to fill in the form. You or any Census resister can be represented in court by a solicitor.

5.—I have much pleasure in enclosing three forms for Census resistance. My father cannot afford to be fined, but I suppose that we three sisters can go to a resister's house for the night, and that my father will be in no way liable?

That is so.

6.—Will the summons be served personally or by letter?

It will be served personally.

7.—As a woman occupier I shall have to make the return for this flat. I shall be glad to know how far it is safe to go without incurring risk of imprisonment or fine?

It has been suggested that occupiers to whom it is absolutely impossible to incur any penalty should leave their house empty for the night, placing a notice on the door inscribed with these words: "House deserted by those who demand Votes for Women."

8.—Will the authorities have the option of imposing a fine or levying distress?

Distress cannot be levied except upon refusal to pay the fine. Nobody who is prepared to pay the fine can be either imprisoned or have their goods seized and sold.

9.—I cannot see how, by sub-letting my house to another Suffragist, I can be relieved of responsibility, because if she were to make the protest my furniture would be seized.

No goods can be seized except the goods of the person directly liable for the fine. Therefore, if Census resisters who have no furniture of their own refuse to pay the fine the only alternative penalty is that of imprisonment.

10.—Will you tell me what is the position of a married woman with regard to the Census protest? Surely, her husband, as head of the house, simply fills in all the particulars she refuses to give.

Unless your husband is prepared to share in the protest by refusing to enter on the Census form any particulars concerning the women inmates of his house, all that you can do is to absent yourself from the house for the night and stay with an occupier who is making a protest; or you could attend one of the all-night gatherings.

11.—I am only a working woman, and occupy two rooms. Can I refuse to give my landlady any information? What penalty shall I be liable to?

You would be liable to no penalty at all, as the Census Act contains no provision for compelling the inmate of a house to give any information to the occupier of the house for Census purposes.

12.—Can you tell me what is the maximum term of imprisonment for those who refuse to pay the fine?

If the fine imposed does not exceed 10s. then the alternative period of imprisonment cannot exceed seven days; where the fine exceeds 10s., but does not exceed £1, then a maximum sentence of fourteen days' imprisonment can be given; where the fine is between £1 and £5, then the alternative period of imprisonment cannot exceed one month. No sentence can exceed one month and no fine can exceed £5.

13.—My sister and I have a business in both our names. Would both be liable?

See reply to question 1 above.

14.—It has been stated in the Press that the authorities will find ways of counting those who evade the Census.

We think this will be most difficult, if not impossible; but in any case, the mere counting of heads is not the sole object of the Census. A great deal of varied and detailed information about each individual is asked for, and this cannot be obtained without the consent of those concerned.

15.—I shall be very glad of any information as to separate Census forms issued for the benefit of lodgers, boarders, and residents in hotels. Can anyone intending to stay in a boarding-house or hotel on the night of April 2 get Census forms on the strength of being there one night only?

Presumably all those who are staying in lodgings or hotels for one night only are entitled to the benefit of this provision in the Census regulations. Application for a separate form should be made to the enumerator for the district, who is the local Registrar of Births and Deaths, about a week before Census night.

16.—I know some male householders who would like to be sure of the exact penalty to which they are liable for refusing to give particulars concerning the women inmates of their households.

They are liable to pay a fine not exceeding £5.

17.—If a house is rented in the names of two or three persons, all down as ratepayers, will each be fined for refusing to give information, so that the house would have to pay £10 or £15?

We think not, but in order to ensure that a fine of not more than £5 should be payable it will be well for two of the occupiers to absent themselves from the house. If the house is filled with other Census resisters, and the two absent occupiers do not know who these are, they cannot be held responsible for filling in the Census form, as the Census Act requires the occupier to do no more than fill up the form "to the best of his knowledge and belief." In the absence of the necessary knowledge the form could not possibly be filled up.

Several correspondents have asked whether, in connection with the Census protest, any penalty can be incurred over and above the £5 fine provided for in the Act. The answer to this is that they will not be liable to any additional penalty

A Cambridge member, who intends to share the Census protest, will throw open her house to Census resisters for the night of April 2. Those wishing to avail themselves of this offer should communicate with the Census secretary, Miss Olive Smith, 4, Clements Inn.

Many important questions were replied to in last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN, and our readers are referred to these replies for information not given in this issue.

SUGGESTIONS.

A Fulham member who can neither go to prison or pay the fine offers to house 50 or 60 ladies who are willing to risk imprisonment. She would shelter them in warm, clean rooms if each would pay 2s. towards the fine. Should the Government not prosecute, she would return the money. Refugees should be provided with a travelling plaid and sandwiches. Other letters have been received from men and women willing to risk prison. One man writes: "I shall not pay any fine if such is imposed, but will go to prison." A lady at Hayes End offers her house to accommodate about 100 persons. Tramway fare from Shepherd's Bush 4d. All communications with regard to these offers should be made to Miss Olive Smith, 4, Clements Inn, W.C., who will also be glad to hear at once from all who have any plans for Census resistance so that the W.S.P.U. may know what is being organised all over the country.

A CENSUS DITTY.

Not till we've got the vote, then I don't mind—
I'll help the census;
But while we're trodden down by all mankind
It discontents us.
If we but get our votes our threats we'll cancel;
If not, no census form for Mrs. M——.

'Tis our design obstruction to promote;
Though our proposal every franchised man cursed,
I'd not give way—"No Census if no Vote"
That's quite the final word of Mrs. P——.

What! fill a census paper? No, not me
(And I am only one among the many),
I'll burn the blessed thing; just wait and see
I am, dear sir, yours truly, A—— K——.

—From the "Chronicle and Argus," published in Bath, where Mrs. Mansel is an active worker.

MAN PRISONER FORCIBLY FED.

Mr. Churchill's Windows Broken in Protest.

How far is the Government going in its foolish and futile attempt to terrorise the men and women in this agitation? English people have not forgotten the indignation roused by the brutal methods of forcible feeding adopted towards the Suffragettes. It is now known that similar methods are being adopted with regard to Mr. Alfred J. Abbey, the member of the Men's Political Union now in prison for his splendid championship of the women's cause. Mr. Abbey, it will be remembered, was sentenced on Wednesday in last week to 21 days' imprisonment in the Second Division, in default of consenting to be bound over or finding a surety, as a result of scaling a wall and attempting to deliver a letter to the Cabinet while sitting at No. 10, Downing-street. Mr. Abbey has been denied the benefit of the special treatment designed for Suffragettes. Among other things he is not allowed to have his food supplied from outside. He has, in consequence, refused to take prison food, and "the usual methods" are being followed. The "usual methods" are, of course, a euphemism for the disgusting practice of forcible feeding.

In the House of Commons last Tuesday Mr. Lansbury (Lab.—Bow and Bromley) asked the Home Secretary whether Alfred Abbey, who was sentenced on March 1 in connection with the Women's Suffrage agitation, was receiving the benefit of the special treatment designed for offenders whose offence does not involve moral turpitude; whether he was allowed to have his meals supplied from outside; and whether he had refused to accept prison fare, and with what result.

Mr. Churchill (Home Secretary) replied that the prisoner Abbey was in the second division, and was not receiving the special treatment referred to. He had refused to take the food provided for him by the prison authorities, and it had been necessary to take the methods usual in such cases. The prisoner was reported to be in good health.

Mr. Lansbury asked why for a much more serious offence a relative of one of the occupants of the Government Front Bench received special treatment when in prison.

Mr. Churchill said that Parliament had given the Secretary of State discretionary powers in such matters. In the use of that discretionary power he had not thought that the case of the prisoner Abbey called for special exemption from the ordinary treatment. Attempting to break into a Cabinet meeting could not be regarded as an offence which was not serious. One prisoner had received exemption, and that, as the hon. member said, was for making an assault on a Minister. In that case it was decided to regard the matter as a contemptible incident.

Lord Hugh Cecil (U.—Oxford University) asked whether the Home Secretary regarded this as a case of moral turpitude; and, if so, would he lay on the table a definition of moral turpitude.

Mr. Churchill replied that the rule to which the House assented gave the Home Secretary power in certain cases not involving dishonesty, cruelty, indecency, or serious violence. He regarded this case as falling within the last-named category.

MR. FRANKLIN'S PROTEST.

On Wednesday evening as we went to press Mr. Hugh Franklin protested against Mr. Churchill's action by breaking a window of his house with a stone. Mr. Franklin was at once arrested, and was due to appear at Bow Street next morning.

YET MR. ASQUITH SAID "NO TIME FOR WOMEN'S BILL!"

"Last year was the most idle time in Parliament for the private member I have ever known If there had been payment of members I could not have earned a salary of £1 a week, let alone the £6, or £10, that are the suggested rates of remuneration. There are only two kinds of hard work in the House of Commons—working on Committee and giving the best of one's brain in order to arrive at the solution of some practical problem, or sitting up late at night, taking part in the dreary process of walking through the Lobbies. Last year there was very little Committee work and very little after midnight work. It was quite possible to take a fortnight's or a month's holiday and not be missed. I scarcely ever attended the House as I found I could be of no practical good. . . . If Members of Parliament had been paid I should have been paid for doing nothing."—*From an interview with* MR. HAYES FISHER, M.P., *in the "Evening News."*

THE CHARGES AGAINST THE POLICE.

Miss Pankhurst has received the following from a member of the deputation:—

I should like to add my testimony as to the attitude of the police towards our deputation on November 18. After one of the many very rough, almost brutal, attacks of the uniformed police on our little group headed by Mrs. Leigh, I, in my indignation, turned to the cordon of police at the top of Parliament Street and said to them: "How manly you must feel in this work. There is so much British pluck in it; I cannot understand how you can stoop to it." I had these replies:

1. "It is nothing to do with us, miss; we enjoy the fun of it; it does not hurt us."

2. "What are we to do, miss? We are between the devil and the deep sea." (To him I said, "I am glad you recognise there is a devil in it.")

3. "Yes, miss, it is dirty work; that is exactly what I call it."

I merely quote them as proofs that in no instance did the men feel responsible for their action towards us; and they all led me to understand that they were acting under orders.

Again, when I was ultimately arrested, a man in private clothes came out of the crowd and was preparing to handle us roughly. The uniformed police sent him off, saying it was all right; he was not needed, or something to that effect. After I was arrested this man was exceedingly gentle and well-behaved, spared my wrenched arm, and gave me a seat and water as soon as we reached the Cannon Row Police Court. From what I saw on November 18 and 23 I shall never believe that the police exercised any roughness or brutality on their own initiative.

SOME PRESS VIEWS.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

Mr. Churchill's reply to Mr. Snowden and his refusal to grant an inquiry into the conduct of the police during the Suffragist disturbances at Westminster last November will be received with regret by those who regarded the evidence collected by the Conciliation Committee as a sufficiently strong *prima facie* case for investigation. It is satisfactory to hear that there was such a small number of plain-clothes officers present and that only one of them assisted in making an arrest, but Mr. Churchill's statement still leaves unexplained the serious fact that insult and violence were offered to the women by men in the crowd, apparently without the women receiving protection from the police. It is, of course, very unfortunate that such a long time has elapsed between the occurrences and the placing of the Memorandum before the Home Secretary, but the Conciliation Committee was faced with the difficulty that, though it was common report that undue violence and in some cases more serious forms of attack were used, the sufferers were themselves reluctant to make complaints. The position taken by the women who take part in these proceedings is that they ought not to complain of any treatment they may receive in what they regard as the fortune of war. This explains the delay in getting together the body of evidence; it also explains why the step suggested by Mr. Churchill—namely, the prosecution of offending constables in the police courts—has not so far been undertaken. We hope it may still be possible to clear up this painful matter by such steps, and that those women who are able to bring definite charges against men whom they can identify will see that the public as well as their own interest and the honour of the police demand so much from them. Now that a Departmental inquiry has been refused and the complainants are thrown back on the ordinary processes of the law, it will, of course, be impossible for the Conciliation Committee to take direct action; the charges must be made by the aggrieved parties. One thing we must hope: if Mr. Churchill cannot grant an inquiry, he will at least see that if similar circumstances should again arise the police do everything in their power not only to make the arrests which they think necessary without violence, but to protect the women from ruffianism in the crowd.

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There is some division of opinion among the friends of Women's Suffrage in the House of Commons with regard to an inquiry into the conduct of the police on the occasion of the Suffragist demonstrations in November last. Some are inclined to discredit in advance the charges of undue violence and of deliberate terrorism which have been advanced. I think, however, that the majority are profoundly disappointed by the Home Secretary's reply to Mr. Snowden's question this afternoon. They point out that even if it be possible to bring home certain charges against individual officers in the law courts, this will not touch the gravest question at issue—namely, whether the police as a whole received (verbally or otherwise) such instructions as led them to consider that they had a free hand in dealing with the women. The cumulative evidence that such an impression was rife on that occasion among the police is understood to be very strong, and cannot be dispelled by singling out individual officers (even if identification on such an occasion were easy) for prosecution and possible punishment. For the sake of the police force itself and especially of its responsible heads it is to be hoped that the last word of the Home Office has not yet been spoken.

—*Manchester Guardian* ("London Letter").

THE PLANET.

We understand that the Parliamentary Committee for Conciliation on the Women's Suffrage question have forwarded to the Home Secretary a statement concerning the treatment meted out to the women's deputation in November by the London police. We are bound to add that information as to rough treatment was in our possession some time ago, and we personally should very much like to have an inquiry not only into the force and violence used by the London police with regard to the deputation of women, but also to the general growth of rough treatment meted out by the police to all and sundry who come within their reach. A case came before us the other day of exceptional violence used to two women in the streets of London after they had left a theatre and were walking home, and we should like to make a protest here that it is almost impossible for any man to do anything to defend a woman, because he is promptly arrested as an accessory in anything that may be brought against the woman. Further, he is confined in police cells, used roughly, and no one ever believes that he was defending or attempting to defend a woman from unfair treatment. . . . We are not in the least surprised to read the evidence set out by the Parliamentary Conciliation Committee on Women's Suffrage. We give a few extracts from this remarkable document. . . . Now the writer of this note happens to know the facts quite well, for he was present when the first Suffragette raids were made on the House of Commons. On one hot evening in the summer, when the police, who were supposed to have been keeping them back, were more than excessively violent in their movements, their plan was, as was described in one of the complaints, to turn the women round, and drive their knees straight into their backs as hard as they could. It is no use a man protesting against this treatment, because he is immediately subjected to it himself. In support of our statement we have the evidence of Dr. Jessie Murray.

We should like to add one thing, that any attempt to use plain clothes men in dealing with the Suffragette organisation is, in our judgment, absolutely inexcusable, but we should like to point out to the Suffragettes themselves that they have a very strong remedy in their hands. What they should do is a very simple thing. They should insist that when any subscriptions are asked for police orphanages or other charities connected with the police, or where any form of subscription is being used on behalf of the police in any shape or form, that they themselves should withdraw all countenance in support of these charities and organisations, and should plainly state their reasons for so doing. They should never cease to publish any attempt made by the police to go out of their way or beyond their powers in dealing with the ordinary citizen who is pursuing political propaganda, and should resent any attempt to class political propaganda on the same basis or plane that crime occupies.

LANCASHIRE POST.

We fear that the refusal of the Home Secretary to grant an inquiry into the conduct of the Metropolitan Police, as asked for by the Suffragists, who brought grave, though general, charges against them, will not give satisfaction to a large body of the public. . . . While supporting the demand for inquiry—for which we thought at the time a strong prima facie case had been made out—we expressed the opinion that it was to be regretted individual prosecutions had not been instituted immediately after the alleged assaults. This is a course which, we believe, can yet be adopted. It rests with the women themselves to take individual action, and it is to be hoped that something of this kind will be done.

THE ONLOOKER.

There was at the time of the last Suffragette demonstration some correspondence in these columns on the alleged brutality on the part of the police in their treatment of the demonstrators. . . . I have now received a copy of the memorandum sent by the "Parliamentary Conciliation Committee for Women's Suffrage" to the Home Secretary, rehearsing these charges in unsavoury detail. If a tithe of them can be substantiated the Schutsmann and Cossack must respectfully yield the palm for sheer wanton brutality to our Metropolitan Police.

CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH.

The charges which have been made against the police in connection with the Suffragette demonstrations in November were the subject of a question to the Home Secretary by Mr. Snowden last Wednesday. Mr. Churchill took advantage of the opportunity to give a lengthy reply which was as good a specimen of partisanship, of unfairness, of inaccuracy, and of gallery play as one would find in a very long search. While contending that the charges were such as could only be proved or rebutted in a police court, he gave a most emphatic denial to them on the authority of the Chief of Police! He sneered at the way in which the charges had been "trumped up," and insinuated that if the women had been roughly and indecently treated they had nobody but themselves to blame. A more unjudicial and offensive statement was never made by a responsible Minister, and it gives one strong reason to doubt whether Mr. Winston Churchill has the gifts which fit a man for a position of such serious importance as the Secretary of State for Home Affairs. The Conciliation Committee have since met to consider Mr. Brailsford's Memorandum, and further action will be taken.

[A letter was sent to the Press, answering Mr. Churchill and showing that there was no delay in bringing the charges. This letter suffered the usual fate, and was excluded from the Press.]

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PART II.—A DECISION FOR THE RACE.

The Woman's Movement for Emancipation is not confined to one country, one continent, or one race. It is world-wide. It is not an agitation caused by a few restless innovators. It is a living growth whose roots are in the forgotten ages of human history. Such is the point of view upon which stress is laid in that part of Olive Schreiner's great book which has escaped destruction and has been given to the world in the volume entitled "Woman and Labour."*

In the transition from a state of savagery to one of civilisation great changes in the adjustment of human life to its environment have taken place, changes which have affected the woman as much as the man. Owing to a sequence of causes mainly economic, women of the wealthier classes have been deprived of the opportunities for service which they once possessed in the human commonwealth, and have been forced into a position of non-utility and consequent parasitism—a position fraught with moral peril not only to themselves, but ultimately to the whole human family. In the past, when in truth the woman's place was in the home, that home was the centre of the industrial life of the community. The human world was fed and clothed, educated and trained by women whose labour was organised by the house-wife and the house-mother. Since the re-organisation of society on a commercial basis, the woman of the working-classes has been driven forth into mills and factories to be sweated, underpaid, and exploited, while the woman of the middle and upper classes has lost her employment. Her service value to the human community has gone, and all that is left is her sex value. But even the demand for women's labour as child-bearer has been diminished with modern conditions of life. In the light of these facts the readjustment of the relations of women both to men and to the nation is seen to be imperative and urgent. "Looking round then with the uttermost impartiality we can command on the entire field of woman's ancient and traditional labours" (says the writer), "we find that fully three-fourths of it have shrunk away for ever, and that the remaining fourth still tends to shrink. It is this great fact, so often and so completely overlooked, which lies as the propelling force behind that vast and restless 'woman's movement' which marks our day. It is this fact, whether clearly and intellectually grasped, or, as is more often the case, vaguely and painfully felt, which awakes in the hearts of the ablest modern European women their passionate, and at times it would seem almost incoherent, cry for new forms of labour and new fields for the exercise of their powers. . . . . The past material conditions of life have gone for ever; no will of man can recall them; but this is our demand: We demand that, in that strange new world that is arising alike upon the man and the woman, where nothing is as it was, and all things are assuming new shapes and relations, that in this new world we also shall have our share of honoured and socially useful human toil, our full half of the labour of the children of woman. We demand nothing more than this, and we will take nothing less. This is our WOMAN'S RIGHT!"

The emancipation of women means their liberty to enter new fields of labour as the old close behind them. The ties which when they took the form of duties were precious, have now become the strangling bonds of death. Women must be free to readjust themselves to the new needs of the race. They must save their souls from emptiness, idleness, and sloth, or the soul of the nation which draws existence from them must die.

We, the European women of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, stand therefore in a position the gravity and importance of which was not equalled by that of any of our forerunners in the ancient civilisation. As we master and rise above, or fall and are conquered by, the difficulties of our position, so also will be the future, not merely of our own class, or even of our own race alone, but also of those vast masses who are following on in the wake of our civilisation. The decision we are called on to make is a decision for the race; behind us comes on the tread of incalculable millions of feet.

It is impossible in the short compass of any review to give an adequate impression of the originality and the power of idea and argument set forth in this remarkable book. The sentences and paragraphs seem knit with organic sequence to each other It is impossible to separate them and present them piecemeal to the reader. It is like a view which one gets from the summit of a great mountain. The wide horizons, the wonderful perspectives, and the glorious vision cannot be photographed or described. They can be seen only by those who follow the footsteps of the guide and attain the height from which they can overlook the world.

E. P. L.

* "Woman and Labour." By Olive Schreiner. (London: Fisher Unwin 8s. 6d. net.) On sale at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross-road, W.C.

WOMEN AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

In the *Englishwoman* for March, "A Solicitor" writes on the exclusion of women from the legal profession. As to the Bar, he cites the cases of Miss Cave, in 1903, and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, in 1904, who were refused admission to Gray's Inn and Lincoln's Inn respectively. A similar refusal was also given to Miss Johnston who applied for admission to King's Inn, in Ireland. On the other hand, we are told that the Solicitors' Acts which apply to England would admit a woman to the solicitor's profession, though in Scotland, Scottish Law has been held in the case of Miss Hall to exclude them.

THE CHILD AND THE "CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH."

Although the law has made the father the only parent of the child, it is the woman who, by nature, is the child's guardian and protector, and one of the strongest reasons why women want the vote is that their views should be heard in legislation affecting the young and helpless. The child is the future citizen, and what the child is the State will be. This is now being realised, and many movements are afoot for the benefit of children. Suffragists will therefore be particularly interested in the next number of the *Christian Commonwealth*, (March 15), which consists of a special "child number," and contains over twenty articles by experts, dealing with all the problems of childhood—legislation, education, heredity, and so on. The great interest and importance of this number may be realised from a glance at the list of contents which will be found on this page.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"The Doctor's Dilemma." By Bernard Shaw. London: Constable. 6s.

"Faith Unfaithful." By A. R. Weekes. London: Andrew Melrose. 6s.

ALBERT HALL DEMONSTRATIONS.

Many great demonstrations stand out in the history of the Militant Suffrage movement, marking like milestones the progress of the journey to citizenship. Another stands close before us. On March 23—less than two weeks—a monster meeting will once again be held, and its message to the Government must be unmistakable. Coming as it does a few weeks before the second reading of the Conciliation Bill, it is of the greatest importance, and every member must do her best to make it known among her friends.

Already the whole of the arena, stalls, and lower orchestra have been sold out; there are, however, a few grand tier boxes at £1 10s., a few loggia boxes at £1 1s., and second tier boxes at 12s. 6d. still available. Single seats in the second tier boxes can be obtained at 2s. each. There are also a number of good seats to be had in the balcony and upper orchestra, all numbered and reserved, at 6d. each. Application should be made at once to Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Only members of the Women's Social and Political Union can obtain tickets from Miss Cooke. It should be clearly understood, however, that strangers, both men and women, are very welcome at the meeting, and members of the W.S.P.U. can obtain tickets for them.

The only part of the hall which is not being reserved is the gallery, and that will be thrown open free to women on the night.

The speeches will be of the greatest interest and importance. Miss Vida Goldstein is coming specially from Australia to tell of the fight for the vote there and its result; Mrs. Pankhurst will be in the chair, and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst will also speak. An inspiring feature of this meeting will be the singing of the "Women's March," under the directorship of the composer, Miss Ethel Smyth, Mus. Doc.

TAX RESISTANCE.

One of the weapons of opposition which will be employed by women will be "tax resistance." Those who are proposing to do this will do well to make themselves acquainted, as far as possible, with the law on the question, and we recommend them to apply to the offices of the Women's Tax Resistance League at 10, Talbot House, St. Martin's Lane, W.C., whose Secretary, Mrs. Kineton Parkes, will be pleased to supply them with information. The League has taken over all the work in connection with this form of protest, and the Secretary will gladly give all particulars from the offices of the League.

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WHEN WOMEN VOTE.

How Girls will be Trained for Politics. By Harold Gorst.

Mr. Harold Gorst has kindly promised to speak for the W.S.P.U. at next Monday afternoon's meeting at Queen's Hall, and we have much pleasure in giving our readers the following article from his pen. It is reprinted, almost entire, from the "Sheffield Daily Telegraph" of January 14.

It has twice been publicly stated by Mr. Asquith that the Liberal Government, before giving up office, intend to introduce a Reform Bill; and he has pledged his word that an amendment to include the enfranchisement of women shall not be officially opposed.

There is no longer any doubt, therefore, that women, in the course of the next few years, will be accorded full privileges as citizens of the British Empire. For better or for worse, they will enter upon a new sphere of social and political activity. Many people are opposed to the innovation; but they will soon have to reckon with an established fact, and then—like sensible Britons—they will accept it, as they accepted the motor-car, with philosophy and resignation.

It is my intention, therefore, not to repeat the stock arguments in favour of Women's Suffrage, but to take its speedy adoption as natural and inevitable. The important question is then—What new element will women bring into our public life?

The truth is not only that we have no right to debar women from social and political equality, but that the State has urgent need of their services. Take almost any branch of administration, and you will find not only that women are as much affected by it as men, but that it involves matters concerning which they have—or should have—expert knowledge, and regarding which they ought to be consulted in the national interest.

Where Women Are Wanted.

In matters concerning health, education, and housing—even the maintenance of an efficient army and navy by the supply of strong, healthy men—women are as important a factor as men. A great deal of national neglect and muddle in regard to these vital questions must be ascribed to the elimination of woman's voice in the administration of public affairs.

Women are unfairly held equally responsible with men for social conditions which they have no power to alter. I witnessed a striking example of this in New York. At a lecture on the "Children's Court" in that city, where juvenile offenders are brought before the magistrates, the lecturer detailed the shocking conditions in the New York slums which drove young children into crime, and then remarked that every member of his audience must be held individually responsible. With the exception of three men, the audience was composed entirely of women. At the conclusion of the address the chairman announced that questions might be asked. Thereupon a woman got up and said: "Do I understand the lecturer to imply that all of us here are individually responsible for the failure of society to deal adequately with these evil conditions?" The lecturer assented. "Am I responsible, too?" He assented again. "Then how do you make out that I am responsible when I and other women have no voice in making and administering the defective laws which leave this problem untouched?" The lecturer was completely nonplussed, and could only feebly suggest that the women should go home and try to influence their husbands and brothers.

The justification and necessity for the co-operation of women in public affairs are that they are the domestic experts of the nation—or, rather, that they ought to be the domestic experts—for no sound domestic training is given to them in the schools.

The Potential Mothers.

It is probable that women in this country will eventually revolutionise the education of girls in the direction of giving it a thorough domestic basis. Meanwhile something should be done at once, in our girls' schools and colleges, to prepare the pupils for the wider social sphere for which they are clearly destined.

A practical idea in this connection occurred to me in New York last year. The question of Women's Suffrage was making rapid headway when I arrived there in January and occupied a great deal of public attention. After lecturing in a large and fashionable girls' school in New York, I remarked to the head mistress, who was a woman of unbounded energy and force of character: "These girls of yours will all some day in the near future have a voice in national affairs. Why don't you train them for their duties as citizens?"

"How would you suggest training them?" she asked at once.

"Give me the girls between the ages of fifteen and twenty," I replied, "and I will organise them into a Parliament of their own. They shall learn, first of all, to discuss any question that may interest them without all speaking at once; and then I will teach them the actual work of constructive legislation."

The proposal was enthusiastically approved, and we decided to submit it to the girls themselves before its actual adoption. Shortly afterwards I found myself explaining the scheme to fifty or sixty bright, intelligent girls. I told them frankly what good we hoped they would get out of it—by having their interest awakened in social problems and being encouraged to try and grapple with their solution in a practical way.

Mr. Gorst then describes how the girls were grouped into political parties; how, to begin with, he accepted the office of "Speaker," and how six girls, none of whom had ever before attempted to join in a public discussion showed a real talent for public speaking. He concludes:—

"When the girls had become familiarised with the discussion of resolutions—'pious expressions of abstract opinion,' as they are called in the House of Commons—I exercised them in the bringing in of little Bills, which were passed through the usual Parliamentary stages. The whole scheme for training girls for citizenship would be far more effective, of course, if a proper domestic basis were given to their education and they were thus prepared from the moment they entered upon their school life to understand the nature of the problems and responsibilities which fall within the scope of woman's work."

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CHURCHILL'S METHODS OF BARBARISM.

The Home Secretary's reply, delivered with so much emphasis and aplomb, to the statements contained in the Conciliation Committee's Memorandum, though it may have momentarily stunned a certain number of Members of Parliament into acquiescence, appears to the generality of people, inside and outside the House of Commons, to be entirely hollow and unconvincing. In fact, Mr. Churchill's two replies in the House of Commons, to Mr. Chancellor on November 24 and to Mr. Philip Snowden on March 1, contain a clear, though unintentional, admission that the charges against the police authorities are absolutely true and well-founded.

In what does that admission consist? It consists in Mr. Churchill's statement that *the police were instructed "to avoid as far as practicable, making arrests."* Now, the carrying out of this instruction necessarily involves the use of violence. It is an instruction which cannot be carried out by lawful methods. To obstruct and repel a deputation without making arrests means that the women forming the deputation must be assaulted by the police. Lord Robert Cecil, in the speech reported on p. 367, makes this very plain. He says:—

> Here are charges of the most serious kind, made by responsible persons, corroborated by medical evidence. Those charges it is impossible to dismiss with the official flippancy of the Home Secretary. . . . How did all this occur? We are told that the police were instructed not to make more arrests than they could help. I ask, by what right were such instructions given? The duty of the police is no greater, their rights are no greater than those of any other citizen in this city. Their duty is to prevent a breach of the law. Their duty is to arrest, not to beat the citizens of this country. . . . If one-tenth of the charges that are here made had been made in reference to men under similar conditions, the whole country would have rung with the indignation of the politicians who rely on their votes. No incident has occurred in my time which seems to me a stronger argument for granting the Franchise to women than this incident, and if the House of Commons, after being made aware of these facts, fails to insist on a searching inquiry—not into the conduct of the police so much as into the orders by which the police acted—then I say that the case for Female Suffrage will not only be strong, it will be overwhelming.

In short, the order to drive away the deputation without making arrests was one which could not be lawfully and peacefully obeyed.

When the Government became aware that a deputation of women was on its way to St. Stephen's there were three alternative courses of action open to them. The first was to admit the deputation and hear its demand, or at least to send to it a message of peace calculated to satisfy the demand. This, for reasons known perhaps to themselves, but hidden from the comprehension of others, the Government refused to do.

The second course was to refuse admission to the deputation, and to have its members arrested and tried on a charge of unlawful conduct. This plan was also rejected, obviously because the Government desired, in view of the pending General Election, to escape the odium of having sent women to prison for demanding the Vote. That this was so is proved by the fact that the Home Secretary withdrew the charges against the 200 women whom, because of their obvious determination never to abandon their attempt to enter the House of Commons, the police had finally arrested in defiance of the Home Secretary's orders.

The third and most discreditable course of action was that which the Government actually adopted. It was to assault and insult the members of the deputation. The object of this was to cow the women, and force them to submit. It was hoped that, humiliated and agonised, they would abandon their purpose and slink away. What a revelation of womanly unselfishness, dignity and courage was given by the women who stood firm, in spite of this abominable attack upon them!

A public inquiry into these occurrences has been demanded, and has been refused. As a substitute for a public inquiry, it is suggested that the matter shall be investigated, either by the Commissioner of Police or by a police-court. The fact that the Home Secretary's order to make no arrests was illegal, and could not be carried out without the commission of illegal acts by the police, renders these suggested remedies absolutely futile. To make an example of individual constables who acted wrongfully because they had received unlawful instructions would be highly unjust, and would tend to shift responsibility from the Home Secretary to his subordinates.

To place the investigation in the hands of the Commissioner of Police is impossibl because its effect would be to make the Home Secretary the judge in his own case. The same consideration applies where the police-court is concerned, because, as we have often pointed out, the police-court has so close a connection with the police force, and consequently with the Home Secretary, as to make it a tribunal entirely lacking in the independence and impartiality necessary for the trial of such an issue as this. But the Home Secretary is by his own showing so completely in the wrong in this matter that the public will not require the confirmation which would be given by a public inquiry to convince them that the charges made concerning the ill-treatment of the women's deputation are entirely justified.

It may be said that to condemn Mr. Churchill for ordering that no arrests should be made amounts to saying that militant Suffragists court arrest. That is not at all the case. What militant Suffragists want is not Prison, but the Vote. They go in deputation to Westminster because they believe that this is the proper method of laying their claim to citizenship before the Government of the day. All other methods, such as the holding of public meetings, have been tried and have failed. This plan of going in person to Westminster appears to be the measure most likely to bring success. It is certainly in accordance with historical precedent, and it is in accordance with the spirit—and, as we claim, with the letter—of the Constitution. The Government, instead of receiving our various deputations, have alleged that we are acting illegally, and they support their contention by ordering out a large force of police to intercept our progress to St. Stephen's. At first the effect of this policy of theirs was to persuade the public that the Government were in the right, and the Suffragettes in the wrong. Because a breach of the law is commonly followed by the appearance of the police, the man in the street was for a time misled into thinking that the presence of the police on the occasion of our deputations was in itself a proof that the law was being broken by us.

We militant Suffragists assert the perfect legality of making an approach to the Prime Minister, but let us assume for a moment that we are wrong, and that the Government are right in saying that it is a breach of the law to push past a policeman who bars the way of the public to the place where their rulers may be found and appealed to. Militant Suffragists believe that a law of inferior importance may be broken in order to enforce another law of wider scope and higher application. Moreover, we are prepared to abide by the legal consequences of our action. That is to say, we are prepared to stand our trial and accept the punishment the law imposes, for we know that the nation will not for ever permit women to be imprisoned because they are struggling to be free. But we protest against the lawless and barbarous methods resorted to by the Government in November last, methods which, under the cover of official denials in the House of Commons, can be pursued by the Government with far more serious consequences to their victims than could arise out of the ordinary procedure of trial and imprisonment.

The effect of our militant methods is to drive the Government to choose either to set women politically free, or to arrest and imprison their bodies. What we are not prepared to tolerate, and what we believe the country will not tolerate, is that the Government, throwing to the winds all principles of law, shall simply deal out blows and insults to their women opponents. Such lawless proceedings are known in Russia and in other countries, but they have hitherto been alien to our way of life in this country.

Christabel Pankhurst.

WARRIOR WOMEN.

By S. D. Shallard. II.—THE AMAZONS.

Not without deeper meaning has the poet given us that picture in which Achilles, having in combat slain Penthesilea, Queen of the Amazons, looks upon her lying there, very type of a free and beautiful womanhood, and is overcome by poignant regret that she had not rather lived to be his comrade and his mate. For the poets and noblest thinkers of Greece, far from being satisfied with the position to which civilisation had reduced women, seem to have cherished wistful memories of those days wherein was a footing of equality and comradeship. Helen, Clytemnestra, Iphigenia, Andromache, Antigone—all the women of Greek poetry and drama—were free, fierce, imperious beings, capable alike of noble impulses and dark passions, fit mates for the men of their era; everything in a word that the domestic Greek woman was not. The stories of the Amazons, too, echo those older and freer conditions.

In an interesting note in her recent work "The Lady," Mrs. Putnam points out very truly that Greek literature names the Amazons with invariable respect and admiration.

> The utmost resources of Greek art were used to render their lovely vigour and the sadness of its inevitable defeat . . . Their type was perpetuated among the immortals in Artemis, the spirit of the wild wood, both boon and bane of all wild creatures, strong, fearless, inconquerable . . . . Although the society they symbolised was part of the old order which the Greek would not suffer, he still felt the beauty that might come of a free, wild life for women, not dominated and not over-sexed . . . . Though the evolution of Greek society proceeded to the complete social subjection of women, it never lost sight of the alternative course.

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The Amazons figure in the earliest traditions of Greece, Rome, and Persia. Did they really rule all Asia Minor, and thence carry their arms until their empire extended from Sicily to Hindustan? Or were they nomads, pursuing a restless career of conquest, in conflict by turns with those other nations which have written of them? Either supposition may account for the widespread traditions and for the number of cities they are credited with having founded.

It is not necessary here to do more than recall the fact that they were of a Scythian warlike tribe which sought to settle in Cappadocia, and was vigorously resisted. In a concerted attack upon them by the other tribes most of their men were slain or taken prisoners. The women, alarmed for their own safety, armed themselves as best they could, fought fiercely, drove their enemies back, followed them up, and routed them completely. They are said thereupon to have expelled any male stragglers who came in, and organised themselves into that formidable fighting force destined to win imperishable fame.

The Sarmatian Amazons, almost as famous, are said to have originated from Amazonian prisoners carried away on Greek vessels. Having attacked and overcome their male captors, they landed on a distant coast. Marching inward they seized a herd of horses, mounted them, and began raiding the surrounding territories for food. Subsequently the women entered into a friendship and compact with a body of young Scythian men who, like themselves, had only arms and horses and lived by chase and booty. For generations the Sarmatian women preserved their ancient Amazonian habits as horsewomen and bow-women, taking active part in the chase and in warfare.

The spirit of these women has lived throughout history—is alive to-day. We find it in the Moorish women who, assuming male attire and weapons, have defended their cities; in Martha Glar and her Swiss Amazons in 1797; in the American women sallying out in their husbands' clothes, armed with scythes, pitchforks, and muskets, to hold the bridge of the Nashau against British troops; in the famous Parisian Garde Mobile of 1848, and the Amazons of Lombardy and Hungary and Crete; all to be dealt with later, if space allow.

Of the warrior women existing in Asia and Africa, even down to our own day, many are the stories to be culled from such travellers as Lamberti, the Chevalier Chardin, Juan de los Sanctos, European naval and military officers, diplomatic representatives, and many others.

For many a generation the West African Kingdom of Dahomey relied for victory upon its Amazonian division, numbering at times from twelve thousand to twenty thousand women, an independent unit, officered throughout by women, and literally the "power behind the throne." Commander Forbes, who reviewed the corps during his visit to Dahomey in 1849-50, describes them as "fighting women, prepared to do battle on all around, the terror of the neighbouring tribes, dressed in the attire of male soldiers, armed with muskets and swords. These sable ladies," he adds, "perform prodigies of valour, and not infrequently, by a fortunate charge, save the honour of the male soldiers by bearing down all before them, discovering themselves to the astonished and abashed prisoners to be women."

More was heard of them during the wars of 1859-60, when Dahomey was attacking the Abbeo Kutas. The women were the first to attack, the last to retreat, and out of thousands slain or captured the majority were women. Nor were their military qualities confined to "dash" and fearless courage, for officers present at their musket practice have borne witness to their marksmanship.

Mrs. Hone, in "Woman's Enterprise and Genius," speaks of a royal guard of 6,000 of these women, trained from infancy in bodily exercises and gymnastics, adding:—"A formidable body of women are they indeed!"

Lord Napier, after the fall of Magdala (1868) was greeted by two Abyssinian girl warriors, of whom the *Times* war correspondent sent home a lively description.

> I am told on good authority [he says] that they go into battle and handle spear and sword and gun right manfully: there is even a story that Mastrat, with her own hand, wounded the mighty Theodore. . . . She looked quite capable of leading an army anywhere.

The East India Company found several instances of Indian rajahs with formidable guards of fighting women. The potentate Ferok Shere had an Amazon corps at Delhi drawn from the fighting women of Abyssinia, Persia, and the Caucasus. It was a common thing for the Indian princes to have women guards for their zenanas.

> In the harem of the Nizam at Hyderabad [writes Mrs. Needham in her book on "Female Warriors"] there was, so lately as the time of the Mutiny, a regiment of Amazons who wore scarlet tunics, green trousers and red-cloth hats trimmed with gold lace, and mounted with a green plume. Whenever a distinguished foreigner visited the palace the female guard received him with military honours.

At Lucknow there was a corps of female sepoys guarding the palace. Prince Soltykoff refers to some cases in his memoirs.

Lord Mayo as Indian Viceroy received a letter from the Dowager Maharanee of Baroda, offering at once to raise and maintain a regiment of Maharatta ladies, presuming that "the fighting capabilities and horsemanship of the Maharatta ladies would be no secret to his Excellency."

Mrs. Needham, writing in 1874, speaks of the Amazon guards of the King of Siam. She says:—

> The bodyguard of the king is formed of the female *elite*. These Amazons ride in the masculine style, wearing sharp steel points instead of spurs. They carry a pointed lance, which they swing very gracefully, which is discharged at full gallop.

It seems, too, that when the king failed of issue, his successor was always selected from among the sons of Amazons.

There are some grounds for belief in the one-time existence of Amazons in South America. We know that in 1540, during Orellana's expedition along the great river, afterwards called the Amazon, he was warned by old Indians to beware "the warlike women." When later he was fiercely attacked he found after the fight that many of the slain were women, whose male costume had rendered them indistinguishable from their comrades. Cortes had a similar experience.

Enough has now been said amply to reveal the inextinguishable valour and military aptitudes in the native women of Africa, Asia, and the Far West. Next week I propose to deal with warrior women of Europe from the days of the British soldier queens.

(The third article of this series will appear next week.)

TREASURER'S NOTE.

We publish below a long list of subscriptions, amounting to £531 8s. 11d. Special congratulations are due to the Glasgow members who through their organiser, Miss Barbara Wylie, have forwarded the large total of £201 6s. 6d. to headquarters. Nearly one twentieth part of the £10,000 which is needed to complete the £100,000 Fund has been raised during the week. This is a good omen. Our ambition is to achieve the realisation of the £100,000 during the present month. We are now on the eve of Self Denial Week, which begins to-morrow, Saturday, March 11, and extends to the following Saturday night. Some members and local unions have asked for an extension of the scheme up to the night of the Albert Hall Meeting on March 23. Needless to say the Treasurer will be only too glad to accept the suggestion. All the signs point to the fact that all past Self Denial records will be beaten this year. The exposure of the cruelties inflicted on the members of our brave deputation on "Black Friday" have brought home to thousands of women throughout the country the nature and extent of the sacrifices which heroic women have made and are prepared to make again for the emancipation of womanhood. Widespread horror and indignation have been aroused which can only find expression in action. The very least that those can do who are not able to pay the great price which has been paid already by one thousand of the noblest women in the land is to give financial support for the carrying on of this strenuous campaign for human liberty.

E. P. L.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £100,000 FUND.

February 27 to March 4.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	£89,976	13	2
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Miss Mary G. Houston	0	13	6
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Miss Dorothy Deacon	0	2	0
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Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas	2	10	0
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Mrs. Margaret Carey...	1	0	0
Miss Bennett	0	5	0
"Mr. C. H."	0	6	0
Per Miss L. Ainsworth—			
Anon.	0	5	0
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Miss M. Gundry	0	1	0
Miss M. Gundry (coll.)	0	3	3
Miss Palmer	0	1	0
Miss Rogers	0	1	0
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Miss Grenfell Hill ...	0	2	0
Miss Hawkins	0	6	0
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Miss Mary Young ...	0	1	0
Miss Tucker	0	6	0
Per Miss L. Burns—			
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Profit on "V. f. W." per Mrs. Farrington	0	2	0
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Miss Mary Marston	0	5	0
Miss M. Martin	0	5	0
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Per Miss I. Dallas—			
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Per Miss D. Evans—			
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Profit on literature...	0	1	8
Sale of marmalade ...	0	3	0
Sale of chocolates ...	0	4	5
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Mrs. Brewster	1	0	0
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Miss Lindsay	0	5	0
Mrs. Parker	0	5	0
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Miss Olivette Norton	0	5	0
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Liverpool "True Friend"	0	1	0
Per Miss Fraser Smith—			
Extra on "V. f. W."	0	0	9
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Miss Cara Grant	0	3	0
Per Miss A. Kenney—			
Mrs. Daniell.....	0	5	0
Mrs. Edwards	0	6	0
Miss E. H. Lord	0	2	0
Miss Mayhew	0	1	6
Miss J. K. Moir	0	2	6
Mrs. Smith	0	1	0
Mrs. Powell	0	1	0
Miss Powell	0	1	0
Mrs. Thorne.....	0	1	0
Miss M. Hunt	0	10	0
Mrs. Dove-Willcox...	1	0	0
Miss Annie Kenney	2	0	0
Per Miss F. Macaulay—			
Rev. — Gibson.....	0	2	6
Proceeds of Sale	5	1	4
Dover Propaganda ...	1	1	0
Profit on Shop	1	2	9
Miss Wilson	0	7	11
Per Mrs. McKeown—			
Miss Turner	0	2	0
Per Mrs Mansel—			
Sale of Marmalade ...	0	15	0
Sale of Needlework...	0	1	9
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Mrs. Case	0	9	0
Miss Campbell	0	3	0
Miss Friederici.....	0	1	0
Mrs. Holph	0	1	0
Miss E. C. Strangways	0	2	0
Miss Taube	0	2	6
Miss Neal	0	2	0
Per Miss C. Markwick			
Anon.	0	1	0
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Miss Durham	0	2	0
Miss Grieve	0	7	0
E. P.	0	7	0
A Sympathiser.....	0	2	0
Mrs. Chapman	0	2	6
Miss Joachim	0	2	6
Miss A. Wright	0	6	0
Per Miss C. Marsh—			
Miss Hewitt	0	1	0
Miss Gibson	0	2	0
Mrs. Ballin	0	1	0
Miss Peacock	0	2	0
Miss M. Schoenfeldt	0	5	0
Per Miss A. Pankhurst—			
Miss Beeforth	0	13	0
Miss Herse.....	0	2	6
Miss Fulland.....	0	2	6
Mrs. Evans	1	1	0
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Miss Palmer	0	2	0
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F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq.	1	1	0
Mrs. Vickermann.....	1	0	0
Dr. Marion Mackenzie	1	1	0
Extra for Teas	0	8	1
Miss McDermid	0	3	0
Mrs. Scurfield	1	7	6
Miss Middleton	0	5	0
Mrs. Lions.....	1	18	0
Per Miss M. Phillips—			
Miss Gregson	0	2	6
Miss Greenwood	0	2	0
Dr. Helena Jones ...	0	2	8
Mrs. Beldon	1	14	6
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Jumble Sale	14	8	10
Mrs. Longsdon.....	1	1	0
Mrs. Zangwill (trav. exp.)	1	16	11
Miss Millar Wilson...	1	0	0
Miss Mary Phillips ...	0	10	0
Per Miss G. Boe—			
Miss Cay	0	10	0
Mrs. Bailey	0	2	0
Profit on Literature	0	8	1
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Miss Ada Ridley	0	5	0
Miss B. Ridley.....	0	10	0
Per Misses Roe & Craggs—			
Anon.	2	2	0
Peach Hay, Esq.	0	2	6
Anon.	0	2	6
Miss Batt (coll.)	0	2	6
Mrs. Aveling.....	0	1	0
Mrs. Heath	0	1	0
Mrs. Evison	0	1	0
Miss Daniell	0	1	0
Miss Ida Blunt.....	0	2	6
Anon.	0	2	6
Miss K. Guthrie	0	10	0
Miss Metcalfe	0	12	6
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Mrs. Meacock	0	10	0
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Miss Weekes.....	0	5	0
Mrs. Ruddle.....	0	2	6
Mrs. Wayman	0	1	0
Mrs. Rice	0	1	0
Mrs. Unwin	0	1	0
The Misses Unwin ...	0	1	0
Mrs. Levett	0	1	0
— Levett, Esq.	0	9	6
Mrs. Norman	0	2	0
Nurse Wilde.....	0	2	6
Per Miss A. Williams—			
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Travelling expenses	0	1	8
Per Miss B. Wylie—			
Mrs. Durnan.....	0	5	0
Anon.	0	10	0
Profit on literature...	1	15	0
—. Adamson, Esq. ...	2	2	0
Miss Hamilton.....	0	2	6
Mrs. Eaglesome	0	1	0
Miss Johnston	0	1	0
Miss Campbell	0	10	0
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Miss Dunn.....	0	10	0
Miss Strachan	0	5	0
Mrs. Lang	0	1	0
Mrs. McIlvain	1	1	0
Miss McLaren	0	2	6
Mrs. Mason	0	3	0
Miss Walker	0	1	0
Mrs. McNee	0	2	0
Mrs. Zangwill	1	2	3
Lady Sybil Smith ...	3	0	0
Membership Fees	6	17	0
Collections, etc.—			
London	60	8	8
Per Miss Ainsworth	6	13	6
Per Miss Billing	2	10	6
Per Miss Burns	0	19	0
Per Mrs. Coope	0	4	9
Per Miss Evans	11	16	11
Per Miss Fraser Smith	0	14	5
Per Miss A. Kenney	21	5	0
Per Miss Macaulay...	0	8	6
Per Mrs. Mansel	0	11	11
Per Miss Markwick...	1	16	1
Per Miss March	30	14	3
Per Miss A. Pankhurst	9	14	8
Per Miss Phillips ...	2	13	8
Per Misses Roe and Craggs.....	17	0	9
Per Miss Williams ...	0	5	10
Per Miss Wylie	189	2	3
Total ... £90,408	**2**	**1**	

Cheques should be made out to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and crossed, "Barclay and Co."

MR. BIRRELL IN OXFORD.

The following account has been sent to us by the Oxford hon. secs. of the W.S.P.U. and M.P.U.:—

There was Homeric laughter amongst the rebels when Mr. Birrell visited Oxford last Friday, as guest of the Oxford Union Society, to speak at the Strangers' Debate on "Home Rule." Amongst those who are said to believe in "Government for the people by the people" panic-stricken precautions were the order of the day!

Early in the week the W.S.P.U. and the M.P.U. sent representatives to the president of the Union. We requested him to inquire whether Mr. Birrell would receive a deputation. We explained that we should be satisfied if our message reached Mr. Birrell, that it must reach him somehow, and this was the nicest way in which it could do so.

Mr. Birrell refused to receive us. We therefore decided to waylay him at the station and again at his hotel, but in no way to intrude on the neutral ground of the Union for the debate. On Thursday night the following notice, printed in scarlet, was posted up in the Union, and in the doorways of twenty colleges:—

OXFORD UNION SOCIETY.

The president of the Union Society much regrets that owing to threats of disturbance at the Society's meeting on Friday night, March 3, it is necessary that all admittance of visitors to the gallery must be cancelled, with the following exceptions:—Only near relations of members can be admitted. Any member desiring to introduce a relation to the gallery must give his name and his guest's name together with an undertaking that his guest will take no part in any disturbance on the Society's premises, to the president, who will be at the Union between 1.30 and 3 on Friday afternoon. Visitors will enter by the St. Michael's-street gate between 7 and 7.45, and must be accompanied by the member who is introducing them. The president is confident that members will co-operate in these very distasteful but necessary precautions.

For 24 hours all Oxford talked of nothing but Suffragettes. Home Rule never had a chance again. On Friday afternoon undergraduate officers and members of the Union banded themselves together, and set out on an exhaustive Suffragette hunt, with no result.

In the evening, with our usual luck, we concentrated upon the right train and the right hotel. At the station they were guarding the main entrance carefully, while they completely overlooked the subway. Miss Ada Flatman wandered on to the platform, and mixed unnoticed with police and detectives; she was in the centre of the crowd of defenders which closed round Mr. Birrell as he alighted. She put six good questions to that shy and silent gentleman as she walked beside him to his car. Finally, thanking him for his past support, she requested him to see justice done to tax-paying women. Amid cries of "Go it, missis!" Mr. Birrell drove away. Detectives and defenders went also in a long procession of cars and cabs. We followed up by tram, and were closely shadowed by detectives, one of whom entered the car dressed as a reporter. Miss Flatman rose and went towards him with a copy of VOTES FOR WOMEN in her hand. "You might as well take this," she said, "and make your disguise complete!"

At the doors of the Clarendon Hotel Miss Fripp sold papers, and refused to act upon the hotel keeper's suggestion that she would do better further up the street. So Mr. Birrell again heard the cry of "Votes for Women" as he drove up.

While the unoffending public was being remorselessly turned away from the Union we held two open-air meetings in the vicinity. At the Martyr's Memorial on one side of the Union Miss Flatman and Mr. Underwood pointed out the uselessness of a police force for the protection of a Cabinet Minister when a Suffragette had anything to say to him. On the other side Dr. Beekh, Mr. Underhill, and Miss Crook did the same thing to another crowd. Meanwhile the M.P.U. sent Mr. Birrell a telegram which ran, "Give Home Rule to British women as well as to Irish men." Later in the evening another wire reached him from the W.S.P.U.

About nine o'clock a solitary member of the M.P.U. wandered into the Union reading rooms to take notes. "The police," he reported, "were everywhere, a sight to rejoice your heart." They were at the gate, behind hoardings, and "plainly visible over the top! One I caught bending down and peering through a small ventilation hole into the cellar." What need was there of disturbances from Suffragettes when the authorities were doing it so well themselves? Just about the time that Mr. Birrell rose to speak we left them watching for shadows, and, acting on the principle of never doing what is expected, we went home in peace.

But Mr. Birrell had not done with us yet. On Saturday morning Mr. Underhill, of the M.P.U., addressed him whilst he and the Union committee were in the act of being photographed in the Union gardens. When the Right Honourable gentleman left his hotel it is on record that he did not go by way of the front door.

During the week the following letter will appear in various local papers:—

MR. BIRRELL AND THE SUFFRAGISTS.

Dear Sir,—Inasmuch as grotesque rumours have come to a head in the notice issued by the authorities of the Union Society as to the cancellation or restriction of visitors' tickets for the Right Hon. Mr. Birrell's debate, we, as secretaries of the two militant Suffrage Unions, feel called upon to correct some extraordinary misapprehensions. The actual words quoted largely by the Press (always in connection with the militant Suffragists) to which we take exception are—"The president of the Union Society much regrets that, owing to threats of disturbance at the Society's meeting on Friday night, March 3, it is necessary that all admittance of visitors to the gallery shall be cancelled." Now, Sir, from whom is it implied these threats came? All the Press and most of the public at once inferred it implied Suffragist threats!

We are, however, in a position to state most emphatically that no threat of disturbance at the Union meeting on Friday was ever made by either of our Unions. We applied in a perfectly fair and courteous manner for an interview with Mr. Birrell by a small deputation. This was refused by the right hon. gentleman. The result was we had to get our message in to him by other means, and this we did no less than three times. We had no intention of making the members of the Union Society suffer for the whims of the right hon. gentleman. If we had so wished, we possessed tickets to the floor of the house, and could have effectually spoilt the meeting.

But we fight with Cabinet Ministers, and not with the public. That being so, it is not our fault nor the fault of the visitors that they were shut out of the Union debate.

Perhaps, after all, the huge posse of police, the detectives, and other stringent precautions were all provided to give our cause a great advertisement!

If so, thanks! If not, then we deserve an apology.—Yours, &c., M. C. FRIPP (hon. sec. *pro tem.* Oxford Women's Social and Political Union), WILFRID H. CROOK (hon. sec. Oxford Men's Political Union).

March 4, 1911.

The *Daily News* reports that Mr. Birrell said: "He believed that the day would dawn for Ireland when she would be able to perform more successfully than she could at the present time the breeding of a race of brave men and chaste women to maintain and adorn the Empire." A correspondent of VOTES FOR WOMEN suggests that another version might be "brave women and chased men!"

Miss Helen Craggs encountered Mr. Birrell at Paddington Station on Friday afternoon, and before she was hurried away by detectives reminded him that the Women's Bill comes on for second reading on May 5. She asked him to do his best for it.

At the Mansion House on Tuesday Mr. Haldane addressed the officers of the Reserve Force of London. When he referred to the Army nurses a member of the Men's Political Union seized the opportunity of urging the necessity of giving votes to women. He was promptly ejected and the police in the corridor took his name and address. Another member, being recognised by a detective, was asked if he intended disturbing the meeting. He replied that he would not make a disturbance, but the audience might. The detective told him that if he did not sit still and be silent he would regret it. At the close of Mr. Haldane's address the Suffragist asked: "Will you give facilities for Votes for Women?" He was ejected by the attendants, and the police took his name and address and stated their intention of issuing a summons against him.

MR. CHURCHILL'S NEMESIS.

Mr. and Mrs. Churchill were the guests of honour at the Annual Welsh Gathering held on March 1 at the Trocadero Restaurant; another guest was there, unwelcome perhaps, but inevitable — the woman with a message, the message which no Cabinet Minister can hope to escape until justice has been done. Just after the guests had sat down to dinner, a man and a woman rapidly made their way towards the chairman's table, and, facing Mr. Churchill, the woman declared she protested at his presence there enjoying himself while a man of better name and character, Mr. Abbey, was lying in prison unjustly condemned for a cause which Mr. Churchill was doing his best to harm; she also protested against his presence there amongst decent women after the disgraceful way in which he had had women treated on the deputation, and reminded him that women had determined to have votes this Session.

At the first sound of the woman's voice Mr. Churchill turned pale and put his hand up to his face, looking extremely discomposed. By this time most of the guests were standing. The toastmaster seized the unwelcome guest, and, with the help of several other men, removed her from the room.

It is interesting to read an unbiassed account of the incident in the *Daily Telegraph*; it will be seen that the shrieking suffragette of Press imagination has now become "demure of mien," and "advances quietly":—

The proceedings were somewhat sensationally interrupted by the appearance of a young woman, who turned out to be a Suffragist. Demure of mien, and attired in a low-cut evening dress of black, she advanced quietly towards the principal table, and when within two or three yards of the Home Secretary she proceeded to utter the customary protest against the denial of the Parliamentary vote to her sex. She was good enough to say she was sorry to interrupt the proceedings, but while Mr. Churchill was present, she added, duty compelled her to protest against his treatment of the women of his country. For quite an appreciable space of time, as it seemed, the young woman poured out her mild indignation against the right hon. gentleman.

WIRELESS MESSAGES.

Those who habitually attend the Monday afternoon meetings at Queen's Hall must often wish that wireless messages from those meetings could be sent to the House of Commons! The Prime Minister and his close corporation of Cabinet members would get some rude shocks. Last Monday, for example, Mr. Winston Churchill would have heard frequently recurring signs of indignation which would have given him "furiously to think" over his treatment of the Conciliation Committee's charges against his servants the police. He would have heard in Miss Christabel Pankhurst's ringing tones: "His word is not sufficient against 135 women. . . . We simply don't believe his statements," and he would have heard the resounding applause from floor and balcony greeting her words. He would have heard also the bravos which greeted the announcement that he had delivered Annie Woolmore into the hands of a Suffragette—Mrs. Wyatt, of Hendon, who was at that moment tenderly caring for her in her own home. Did he, one could not help wondering, when he acceded to the request of Mrs. Wyatt and others to release Annie Woolmore, know that he was handing her over to a member of that society which has been making things so unpleasant for the Government? And if he knew it, did it prove to him something of the many-sidedness of this movement, which, while concentrating every nerve on the winning of the vote, has still time to spare for individual cases like that of the poor mother so shamefully sent to prison?

Then, too, it would have done the House of Commons good to hear the scorn poured forth by Miss Christabel Pankhurst upon the expenditure of public time on Friday in last week. The Parliament Bill was done with, and they must needs spend a precious day discussing expenditure, postage stamps, and such matters, while the vital question of Votes for Women remained untouched. Again, Mr. Churchill should have had tingling ears at the announcement that in the case of Mr. Abbey, now in prison for the women's cause, he had withdrawn the special concessions instituted for the benefit of Suffragettes. And the next message would have been specially for the benefit of Mr. John Burns. He would have heard that the Census, so *far* as women are concerned, and as *far* as can possibly be managed, is to be an absolute and complete failure.

It would have done the Government good to have heard the splendid tribute to courage paid by Miss Evelyn Sharp. She denounced timidity. "Don't be apologetic," she said. "Once you have been militant you will never be apologetic again. Courage is created by the need of it. The best of wandering in the wilderness is the discovery that the chosen people are there too. We have nearly done our wanderings; all we have to do now is to go straight ahead until the walls fall down."

Finally, they would have heard a trenchant speech from Mr. Pethick Lawrence, who emphasised the need of a new point of view in the State. The vote was wanted (1) in order that women's position might be improved, (2) that women might put straight things with which only they were fitted to deal ("We do not want the advice of women," he said; "we want their driving power"), and (3) because so long as man attempted to go forward alone and woman remain stationary there could be no real progress.

There was, as it were, a postscript to the messages when Miss Christabel Pankhurst said, "Even now, if the Government were to send an olive branch before April 2, there would be no Census protest. But in the absence of the olive branch there will be a very definite one, and among the offers of help was one from Miss Decima Moore, who offered to lend her flat for Census night, and the promise from "A Civil Servant" of £10 for Census resistance expenses.

A NEW CLOCK.

Each act of coercion and repression on the part of the Government instead of killing the movement (as the Government fondly hoped) merely swells the ranks of the women's army and serves to strengthen the determination of those already taking part in the fight to bring this battle to a successful conclusion. The latest move of the Home Secretary is no exception to the rule. The official refusal to grant a public inquiry into the shameful treatment meted out to the members of the Woman Suffrage deputations of November last shows more plainly than ever that in the eyes of the Government women do not count; and since women do not count they refuse to be counted. "This census protest has got into the air," said Miss Christabel Pankhurst at the Steinway Hall last Thursday. And, indeed, so it would seem, for her remark was received with enthusiastic cheers from the hundreds of women present, and during the course of the evening large numbers of names of intending protestors were sent up to the platform.

Other forms of protest are also being carried on. Miss Leslie Hall gave an amusing account of two occasions on which she had been able to bring to the notice of Cabinet Ministers the question of Votes for Women.

Speaking of militant methods, the Rev. John Ivory Cripps said that they had simply revolutionised the position of the women's movement in this country. "In five short years you have snatched the question from the region of academic discussion and debate and planted it firmly in position as the first political question of the hour. I was with you at the beginning, and I am with you now. I want to be in at the death, and it looks as if the death were going to take place this year—the death of the Anti-Suffragist! People sometimes tell you that you have put the clock back. I will tell you what you have done—you have smashed to atoms the old clock, and you have put in its place a new clock which goes with engine-like speed towards the glorious hour."

NO VOTE, NO TAX!

Miss Bertha Brewster has refused to pay the Inhabited House Duty to which she was liable, and the officials have seized a clock, which will be sold by auction to-morrow (Saturday) at noon, at the Bullock Auction Rooms, Parker Street, Kingsway. The Tax Resistance League are organising a protest meeting there at 11.15 a.m., and it is hoped that as large a number of Suffragists as possible will make a point of being present.

Mr. Birrell's speech at the Mansion House Dickens meeting was quite lost for those of us who had the ill-luck to sit close to the suffragettes. . . . There were sympathisers present, for I heard the words, "What pluck!"

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MEN'S POLITICAL UNION FOR WOMEN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT.

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Founder and Hon. Organising Sec.—Victor D. Duval.
Hon. Treasurer—Frank Rutter, B.A.
Hon. Parliamentary Sec.—D. Cameron-Swan.

Particulars with regard to the shameful prison treatment of our member, Mr. Alfred J. Abbey, will be found on p. 368. Particulars of the protests made by members of this Union will also be found on this page.

Treasurer's Note.—The hon. treasurer earnestly appeals for contributions in kind as well as in cash. To cope with the increasing office work a second room is now being fitted out, and gifts of the following, urgently wanted, will be much appreciated:

(i.) Four chairs.
(ii.) A thick curtain, about 7 ft. by 3 ft. 6 ins.
(iii.) Two rugs or a piece of carpet.
(iv.) One or two pairs of trestles.

In view of Self-Denial Week, special collecting sheets are being sent to all members of this Union, and they are asked to find contributors to fill up these sheets, which with the amounts collected, large or small, should be returned to the hon. treasurer at the above address on or before Friday, April 7.

The following amounts received (to March 4) are gratefully acknowledged:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	764	7	1
R. H. Pott, Esq.	10	0	0
A. G. Read, Esq.	0	2	6
Miss Eva Moore	2	2	0
E. W. Futvoye, Esq.	0	5	0
E. G. Clayton, Esq.	0	1	0
D. Came-on-Swan, Esq.	0	5	0
Entrance fees	0	7	0
	£777	9	7

We must see to it that Mr. Alfred J. Abbey receives a real Suffragist welcome on his release from Pentonville, and the M.P.U. are affording all admirers of his courage this opportunity on Saturday, March 25, when a meeting will be held in the large Caxton Hall at 8 p.m. As many people will wish to make certain of seats, tickets, price 1s., can be obtained at headquarters, or from the Woman's Press, and friends are especially invited to bring men who are yet doubtful as to the expediency of Mr. Abbey's protest. Mr. Frank Rutter will be in the chair, while Mr. Victor D. Duval and Mr. Alfred Hawkins, whose case against the Bradford League of Young Liberals will have been heard by this date, will also speak. Partly in view of the above meeting and partly owing to the increased work that the Union has started during the past few months, members are asked to render assistance by spending a little time at the office and helping with the clerical work; any time of day would be cordially welcomed, but if after 6 p.m. we should be glad of a message that help is coming. Volunteers are also wanted for chalking, speaking, and distributing leaflets; they are asked to communicate with Mr. Frank Henderson at the above address.

Birmingham.—This branch is taking part in the W.S.P.U. Demonstration arranged for March 15, and it is hoped that a large and representative contingent will march in the procession. Every member is asked to persuade as many supporters of this cause as possible to accompany him on that day, for Birmingham must know that the M.P.U. is determined to take its stand side by side with the women.

North London.—A new branch was formed last Wednesday, embracing the Northern districts of London. Mr. Bernard V. Clarke, 3, Meadowcroft Villas, Palmer's Green, N., has undertaken the duties of hon. secretary, and every supporter in North London is asked to communicate with him. This is all the more important at the present moment in view of the demonstration which Mr. Clarke is organising in the Avondale Hall, Palmer's Green, N., on Thursday, March 30, 8 p.m. Tickets for this meeting can be obtained from headquarters or from Mr. Clarke, price 1s. and 1s. 6d., and admission will also be free. Mr. Clarke will take the chair, and the speakers will be Mr. Victor D. Duval, Mr. Hugh A. Franklin, and Mr. Casserley, a prominent local member of the Union. As this demonstration is to include the districts of Palmer's Green, Bowes Park, Enfield, and Wood Green a large amount of help is required — speakers, chalkers, paper-sellers, leaflet-distributors, all can help with the campaign of outdoor meetings which is being organised, and any who can possibly give time are asked to communicate with Mr. Clarke. A drawing-room meeting will be held at 3, Meadowcroft Villas, Palmer's Green, N., at 7.30 p.m., on Thursday, March 16, and all are cordially invited to attend.

SELF-DENIAL

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—A few days ago I strolled into a large fruit and vegetable market and inquired the price of Seville oranges, and found I could only buy them in much larger quantities than I could use. Then a saleswoman caught sight of my badge, and we entered into conversation about "Votes." When she heard that I wanted to make marmalade to sell in Self-Denial Week, she let me have the quantity I required, also sweet oranges and lemons at a very low price, and told me that at any time I wanted anything for the same purpose I could go to her, and she would do her very best for me!—Yours, etc., A MEMBER OF THE W.S.P.U.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—May I, through the columns of the "Post Box," give a suggestion for "Self-Denial Week? If those members who have business houses would obtain a collecting box and post on it either leaders of the Union or a very striking cartoon from VOTES FOR WOMEN, and keep this box in a prominent position during Self-Denial Week, they would, I am sure, find their collections swelled thereby. With best wishes for the cause,—Yours, etc.,

PRUDENCE L. MUSTIE.

An employee in a hotel who cannot make anything to sell and cannot deny herself food, as that is provided, proposes to buy three or four dozen copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN and sell them in her off-duty time.

Miss Else M. Pleister and a fellow-member would like to hear from proprietors of boarding-houses, those giving At Homes, and families taking paying guests, who would let them sing and play afternoon and evening, and make a collection for self-denial. Address: 9, Lymington Mansions, West Hampstead.

A CALL TO FREE CHURCH MEN AND WOMEN.

At the inaugural meeting of the Free Church League at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, March 1, yet another Suffrage society was formally added to the already long list of associations formed for the purpose of promoting the cause of Women's Enfranchisement. The special object of the new league, which has on its committee many of the best-known members of the Free Churches, is to focus and organise Nonconformist opinion throughout the country, thus making additionally effective the support of those already in favour of Woman Suffrage, and bringing into touch with the movement many who would not otherwise come within the sphere of its activity. A most encouraging start was made at Wednesday's meeting, when the crowded audience applauded with enthusiasm the speeches made, and the sum of £17 was collected towards the campaign fund. The Rev. John Ivory Cripps presided. "Fifty years' patient waiting has been fifty years too long," said Miss Hatty Baker, "and the time is ripe for the settlement of this question."

"Speaking as a Nonconformist born and bred," said Mr. Walter McLaren, M.P., "I say that the great pride of our lives and faith is that our watchword is civil and religious liberty, and although we in this country have attained religious liberty for both sexes, we have not yet got civil liberty. We want to wake the Nonconformist conscience on this matter." Speaking of immediate prospects, Mr. McLaren said: "The second reading of the Conciliation Committee's Bill will be moved on May 5, and I have no doubt that on that day we shall have the great victory to which we are entitled. We shall then be able to go forward to the Government and ask for those further facilities which have been promised us some time during this Parliament, and which there is no reason why we should not receive during the present Session. As to our success upon that point, it all depends upon the force of public opinion. Therefore I appeal to this great meeting, with all the influence which it has at its command, to concentrate its energies between now and May 5 to rousing public opinion on this question. I look forward with the greatest hope, and if public opinion is wisely and properly directed, we shall, perhaps, before we are many months older, achieve the success for which we have long laboured."

Mrs. Swanwick, having spoken of many of the evils arising from the political disabilities of women, said, "I do not want women to be meek about these things. What we have got to remember is to resent and resent and resent, and never sit down under this injustice and never tolerate it."

Dr. Clifford also made an impressive speech, strongly advocating the enfranchisement of women. "To extend the vote to women," he said, "will be to extend the welfare of the nation. . . . Do not break more Ministers' knees than is absolutely necessary," he advised, "but keep on with this fight with courage and patience until the day of victory has arrived."

"THE SUFFRAGE GIRL."

A charming and delightful surprise awaited those who went to see "The Suffrage Girl" at the Court Theatre last Friday evening. This is a dainty musical comedy dealing with a country election at a time when the women of the country are enfranchised, and it is the vote of the heroine which finally decides the fate of the candidates. The singing and dancing of both Miss Olive Turner and Miss Joan Ritz made a great hit, and added considerably to the attraction of the performance. The play was written and performed by the employees of Messrs. Selfridge's, Oxford Street, and they are to be heartily congratulated on the success of the performances.

SUFFRAGETTE POLICE.

"By George!" the Coronation Revue at the Empire, represents the striking changes which have taken place in London since the time of George IV. An old man, whose last visit was paid at that time, revisits London, and says he would like to see some of the modern ladies. Immediately about a dozen pretty girls, dressed in a smart white policeman's uniform, march on. Their belts, or sashes, are of purple, white, and green; their helmets are also ornamented with narrow bands to match. They sing and dance very prettily, to the amazement of the old man, who walks up and down and asks who they are. He is told they are the Suffragettes. All allusions to the Suffrage are quite sympathetic, and mark the great change that has come over the playgoing public. The sketch, which is by Mr. George Grossmith, won rounds of applause.

CARRY THE BILL!

A most successful meeting, organised by Miss Markwick, took place in Wandsworth Town Hall on Tuesday, March 8. The chair was taken by Dr. Bather, who gave a very clear exposition of the scope of the Bill now before Parliament. The resolution calling upon the Government to give full facilities was moved by Mrs. Pertwee in a very charming speech, which held the close attention of the audience and won the response of laughter and of cheers. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence seconded the resolution, which was carried by the whole meeting. Then followed a speech by Miss Decima Moore which delighted everybody. The recitation, "Woman This and Woman That," with which it closed, brought down the house.

THE YOUNG PURPLE, WHITE, AND GREEN CLUB.

A very pleasant and successful meeting was held on Saturday, February 25, at 2, Phillimore Terrace, by kind permission of Mrs. Ferguson. The guest whom the club met together to welcome was Mr. Hugh Franklin, its most militant member. Miss Rachel Ferguson (chair), after warmly thanking and congratulating Mr. Franklin on his chivalrous and plucky action, in the name of the club presented him with a pearl scarf-pin. Mr. Franklin, in returning thanks, congratulated himself on not having been above the age-limit when he joined the club, and urged all young Suffragettes to join it, too. Mr. Reginald Pott was also present, and his humorous and trenchant speech was much appreciated. A new member was enrolled, and Census night and other plans were discussed.

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

The one thought before members of the W.S.P.U. all over the country at the present moment is Self-Denial Week. Suggestions as to the ways in which individuals may help will be found in the following reports.

W.S.P.U. General Offices: 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

Owing to Miss Annie Ainsworth taking on another department of work at the Woman's Press, members and friends are urged to rally round Mrs. Lyall-Dempster, who has undertaken the post of organising the paper sales. This work is very arduous, and, at the same time, most important, and members, with their usual generosity, are looked to to get into touch with Mrs. Dempster immediately, and to help her in every possible way. Volunteers are still needed for paper selling, and a special appeal is made for an energetic worker to volunteer as Captain of the Victoria pitch, from which the captain has been promoted. Thanks to the splendid band of workers, who, all the winter, through rain and sunshine, have manned their pitches. Winter is over! Spring is coming, and Mrs. Dempster will welcome any novel suggestions for advertising. They should be sent to her at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road.

Mrs. Drummond begs to remind Local Secretaries of their meeting at 4, Clements Inn, on Monday, March 13, at 6 p.m. Every Local Union must send its representative.

Miss Kerr will be glad if members will apply for posters and handbills advertising the Albert Hall meeting on March 23. They are all free with the exception of a large poster suitable for shop windows, price 6d.

BALHAM & TOOTING.

Office: 80, Balham High Road, S.W. Tel.: 1335 Battersea. Organiser—Miss Violet Hughes, B.A.

The audience at Mrs. Yorke's drawing-room meeting greatly appreciated Miss Margaret Thompson's splendid address. Two more drawing-rooms have been promised; particulars will be announced later. The weekly meetings at the office have now begun; these meetings must be a great success and help is much needed. The first poster parade was held last Saturday to advertise the women's meeting on the following Tuesday. The organiser wishes to thank all members who are coming forward to work so well. Tickets for the meeting on April 5 are now on sale (2s., 1s., and 6d.). Acknowledged with thanks: Mrs. Bell, 5s.; Miss Crawley, 3d. per week.

BARNES.

Office—9a, High Street. Organiser—Miss Beldon.

A very successful drawing-room meeting was held at Mrs. Cruikshanks' on Saturday, March 4, at which Dr. Cruikshanks very kindly took the chair. The audience were much impressed by Miss Cameron's excellent speech and also greatly appreciated Miss Jane Comfort's delightful recitations. Several VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold and 7s. 6d. was raised towards campaign funds. Tickets (2s., 1s., 6d.) for the public meeting on March 29 are now on sale at the office. It is hoped all members and sympathisers will do their utmost to make this meeting a great success. Mrs. Hills has very kindly arranged to have a drawing-room meeting at her house on Saturday, March 18, at which Mrs. Pertwee will speak. Helpers are needed for canvassing, paper-selling and keeping the office. Will those who can give help in any way please communicate at once with Miss Beldon?

CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Mockford, 129, East Dulwich Grove, East Dulwich.

A local entertainment is being arranged in aid of the Self-Denial Fund. Local members and friends are urged to write to the hon. sec., who will be glad of help.

CHELSEA, BATTERSEA, KENSAL TOWN.

Shop and Office—168, King's Road.
Hon. Secretaries—Miss Haig and Miss Blacklock.

On March 29 members are looking forward to hearing Mr. Laurence Housman, when the meeting will be at 4.30 instead of in the evening. Many thanks to Miss Ellison for her delightful lecture on "Turkish Women," which she illustrated with photos she had herself taken. At the members' meeting last Friday Miss Blacklock explained Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's plan for Self-Denial-Week; many volunteers offered to undertake the work, but to make it a success the co-operation of every member is necessary. Will they please call at the office for addressed envelopes to deliver and to put down how much time they can give during the next eight days. Thanks to Miss Balfour and Miss Downing for their gifts to the shop. Two new subscribers for the paper have been secured this week.

CHISWICK.

Office—496, High Rd. Hon. Sec.—Miss Coombs.

Grateful thanks to the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, whose speech on Tuesday last was very much appreciated, and to Nurse Pitfield and the Rev. Llewllyn Smith for their stirring words. To-day (Friday) a business meeting will be held at 496, High-road, 8 p.m. It is hoped all members will make an effort to be present.

CROYDON.

Office — 2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 969 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan and Miss Leslie Hall.

Two drawing-room meetings have been held with excellent results. On Wednesday, March 1, Mrs. Cameron-Swan gave a most interesting address at Mrs. Middleton's house, Mrs. Middleton taking the chair; and on Thursday 2, at Mrs. Russell's drawing-room at Purley, she again addressed an interested audience. The dance on February 28, in the lecture-room, Public Hall, was most successful; hearty thanks to those energetic members who organised it with such success. Members are reminded of the annual meeting of this branch, which will be held on Friday, March 17 (see programme); when business is concluded there will be recitations and tea and coffee. Excellent work with canvassing of VOTES FOR WOMEN has been done by Miss Dallimore, who has called personally upon people who do not read the paper, and persuaded them to buy a copy. It is hoped that other members will follow this splendid example. The treasurer appeals to members to support the typewriter fund. Two members have already each promised the sum of 10s. towards this. It is hoped everyone will give the self-denial appeal their very heartiest support. Miss Sprott has already promised to sell VOTES FOR WOMEN every day of self-denial week—there could hardly be a better way of helping. Mr. Victor Duval is heartily thanked for his excellent speech on Monday, Feb. 27. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Lawes, 2s.; Mrs. Lorsignol, travelling expenses, 1s.; Mrs. and Miss Slade, 3s.; Mrs. Gysin, 1s. 6d. Miss Hazel Inglis is thanked for a gift of marmalade to this office, and for 2s. profit on marmalade sold privately. Orders for plain needlework and embroidery to be made at the work party will be welcome.

FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Shop—308, Fulham Road.
Hon. Secs.—Miss L. Cutten and Mrs. Roberts.

Last Friday Miss Bonwick gave a splendid address on "Woman's Vote in other Lands." The chair was taken by Miss Cutten. Will members please make a point of bringing at least one unconverted friend each week to these Friday evening meetings? Mrs. Oliver-Watts has most kindly promised to act as organiser for Self-Denial Week. It is hoped that every member will give as much time as possible, as canvassers, street-collectors, paper-sellers, letter-writers, or shop-minders while others are out canvassing. Miss Watts will be at the shop every day. Many thanks for jumble sale contributions from the friend who has always sent 5s. "For Good Luck" to the £100,000 Fund, also to Mrs. and Miss Shellshear for marmalade, which is always bought up almost as soon as made. Will friends please note that a jumble sale will be held at the shop during the second week in April. Fifty-four Albert Hall tickets have already been sold. Please order at once if more are needed. The list of Census resisters is increasing daily. 18s. has been received for "jumble sale" goods sold at Kelvedon Hall.

GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss R. M. Billinghurst, 7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E.

Miss Naylor gave a very interesting address on "Womanliness" at the At Home on Thursday, March 2. Mrs. Collins took the chair. A strong appeal is made to members to give time and help during Self-Denial Week (March 11 to 18), also to send jumble sale parcels to the above address.

HACKNEY.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. W. Jones, 38, Pembury Road.

There was a good meeting of members on Friday and some capital suggestions for Self-Denial week were made. All W.S.P.U. women living in the neighbourhood are urged to join in and help to make this one of the strongest and hardest working Unions.

HAMMERSMITH.

Shop and Office—160, Hammersmith Road. Organising Sec.—Mrs. E. L. Butler.

A most successful musical evening was held at 160, Hammersmith Road on Tuesday last; many thanks to Miss Droiga, Miss Van Sandau, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Haire, Mr. Frank Witty and Mr. Reginald Pott who kindly contributed to the musical programme. It is hoped every member of this branch will be present at the annual meeting on Tuesday (see programme) to hear the report. After this there will be a Cookery Competition for Self-Denial Fund. Members are invited to bring some specimen of their culinary skill, and the goods will be sold for the fund after judging and prize giving. Please bring your friends to assist in the judging and buying. The secretary and treasurer both make a special appeal for helpers in Self-Denial Week scheme of work. Particularly are members requested to call at the Office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—any time during the day—as their help is urgently needed.

HAMPSTEAD.

Shop and Office—89, Heath Street. Organising Sec.—Miss M. Rowlatt. South and West Hampstead Headquarters, 134, Finchley Road.

The whist drive on Tuesday was in every way a great success. Members wish to thank Mrs. Hicks for a very enjoyable evening. Many thanks also to Mrs. Binnie, Mrs. Pleister, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Rose, who with Mrs. Hicks gave all the refreshments. A sum of £5 17s. was made. Will every member send something to the Jumble Sale, which is to be held at Kentish Town, on March 18? Mrs. Hicks will be pleased to receive contributions at 33, Downside Crescent. The speakers at the Census Meeting on March 21 will be Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Brailsford, and Mrs. Massy. Mrs. Nevinson will be in the chair. It is hoped by next week the new arrangements for Hampstead will be settled and the committee formed. A great many helpers will be required, if the work of the next few months is to be carried on successfully.

HIGHGATE.

Office—44, High Street. Organiser—Miss Billing.

Special thanks to Mrs. Pertwee and Miss Margaret Cameron who, at Muswell Hill, on March 2, addressed an enthusiastic meeting for women only, with the result that many new sympathisers were gained and a good collection taken. Very marked growth of interest and sympathy was also shown at the open-air meeting near the Athenæum on March 3. Speakers: Mrs. Hawkins and Miss Billing. There remain but a few days before the big meeting at the Athenæum, Muswell Hill (see programme). Will all friends please take a share in making this meeting a great success? Volunteers are wanted for canvassing, poster parading, and for bill distributing. Will any who can give even only a short time please write to the organiser without delay? Tickets, on sale at the Athenæum box office, or to be had from the organiser, 2s. (numbered and reserved), 1s., and 6d.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslam, 42, Cranbrook Road.

In place of the usual Wednesday meeting, a deputation of Ilford members went to Westminster to interview Sir John Bethell with regard to presiding at a Town Hall meeting at Ilford. With regard to the cause, Sir J. Bethell said that he had always used his vote and influence to forward it in the past, and should do so in the future. The members' meeting was well attended, and much work with regard to the Census, Self-Denial Week, etc., was arranged. Several enthusiastic members are starting a pitch at Seven Kings Station, therefore more helpers are needed for Ilford. Members should try to promise one day per week, especially Wednesday or Friday. Gratefully acknowledged, promise of monthly subscription, Mrs. Millar. Albert Hall tickets, arena 1s., selling rapidly.

ISLINGTON.

Office—347, Goswell Road, E.C.
Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casserley.

Will anyone volunteer to represent Islington at the Queen's Hall on Monday afternoons? This being a district of working women, none of the ordinary members are free in the afternoon, though they would be glad to undertake this pleasant task. Perhaps some friend from another district could help sometimes. Members who wish to take part in the Census protest are asked to send in their names as soon as possible.

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel., 2110 Western. Joint Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Bates, and Miss Evelyn Sharp.

Two methods of raising self-denial funds have been decided upon and members are asked for their co-operation. Mrs. Löwy has most kindly consented to lend her drawing-room for the afternoon of Tuesday, March 28, and the Actresses' Franchise League with their usual generosity have undertaken to provide an entertainment for which tickets will be on sale at the Shop. Also a sale of work will be held in another drawing-room, of which particulars can be obtained on application. A street collection will be taken during the week itself, and canvassers are wanted to leave envelopes at selected houses and to call for them a few days later—an easy job, to be commended to the enthusiastic if timid helper. The Queen's Gate Hall meeting on Tuesday week assembled many unconverted people to listen to the admirable speeches of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Dr. Cobb, and many papers were sold. Miss Hock also deserves thanks for bringing an audience of painters and sculptors into touch with the movement at her delightful studio meeting, on Wednesday. Five new members have joined during the week, and Miss Craig is welcomed as a new paper-seller. The average is maintained in five hundred and thirty papers sold last week, but the secretaries wish this to be raised. Fifty more papers, accompanied with a letter, have been sent to medical men; but the fund for this purpose is now exhausted, and it is much hoped that special donations may be made for such an important piece of work. The office is now provided with an Oliver typewriter machine, by the kindness of Mrs. Corbould; will anyone competent to use it look in whenever able to do an hour's clerical work?

LEWISHAM.

Shop and Office—167, High Street, Lewisham. Shop hours 2 to 8 p.m. Thurs., 10.30—12.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier, 32, Mount Pleasant Road.

An earnest appeal is made to members and friends to bear in mind and to advertise: (1) the Self-Denial Sale of home-made produce, groceries and fancy goods, latter at greatly reduced prices) on Wednesday,

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

March.				
Friday, 10	Chiswick, 496, High Road	Members' Meeting	8 p.m.
,, ,,	4, Clements Inn, W.C.	Speakers' Class. Miss Rosa Leo	7.45 p.m.
,, ,,	Finchley, Church End, near Railway Hotel	Miss Margaret Wright, Miss Beatrice Auerbach	8 p.m.
,, ,,	905, Fulham Road, S.W.	Members' Rally	7 p.m.
,, ,,	,, ,, ,,	Miss West	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Hampton Court, Ive's Restaurant	Miss Leonora Tyson. Chair: Princess Sophia Duleep Singh	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Harrow Road, Prince of Wales (Outside)	Miss Barwell	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Kilburn, Brondesbury Road	Miss Coombs, Miss Wilson, B.A.	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Wimbledon, Compton Hall	Mr. Victor Duval	3.30 p.m.
Saturday, 11	Balham	Corner of Calstor Road	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Cricklewood, Yew Grove	Miss L. Smith	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Highgate, Archway Tavern	Mrs. Mary Leigh	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Ilford, Town Hall (outside)	Miss Haslam	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Islington, Copenhagen Street	Miss Hopkins. Chair: Miss Lennox	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Kensal Rise, College Road	Miss M. Wright, Miss Burton	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Lewisham, Shop (Starting Point)	Self-Denial Street Corner Meetings	5.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Uxbridge, "Old Pump"	Nurse Pitfield. Chair: Miss Barwell	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Wandsworth, near Council House	Miss Hopkins, Miss Marckwick	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Willesden Green Library	Miss Grant, Miss Rickards	7.30 p.m.
Sunday, 12	Finsbury Park	Miss Gibson. Chair: Miss Gargett	3.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Hampstead Heath	Miss L. Tyson	11.30 a.m.
,, ,,	Wimbledon Common		3 p.m.
Monday, 13	Coulsdon, St. Andrew's Hall	Debate	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Peck	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Kensal Rise, Mortimer Road	Miss A. Kelly, Miss Bickerton	7 p.m.
,, ,,	**Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W.**	**Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., Harold E. Gorst, Esq.**	3 to 8 p.m.
,, ,,	Wandsworth, 47, High Street	Bazaar	10.30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Tuesday, 14	100, Hammersmith Road, W.	Annual General Meeting	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Kilburn, Birchington Road	Miss Meakin	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Muswell Hill, Athenæum High School	Women Only. Miss Conolan	3 p.m.
,, ,,	Muswell Hill, nr. ,,	Miss D. Rock, Miss Billing	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Nutford Place, Edgware Road	Miss Myers. Chair: Miss Dixon	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Streatham, Wm. Morris Institute, 13, The Broadway, Gleneagle Road	Members' Meeting	7 p.m.
,, ,,	Streatham, Wm. Morris Institute, 13, The Broadway, Gleneagle Road	Lecture: Hon. Mrs. Haverfield	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Sydenham, 96, Kirkdale	Free Meeting	8 p.m.
Wednesday, 15	Balham, 60, High Road	Miss Isabel Seymour, Miss A. Hicks	7.45 p.m.
,, ,,	Chelsea, 308, King's Road	Miss Auerbach	8.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Ilford, Barking Broadway	Miss Harvey	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Islington, Highbury Corner	Miss Hopkins; Chair: Miss Fricker	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Kensal Rise, Doyle Hall, Doyle Gdns.	Women Only. Mrs. Lorsignol; Chair: Mrs. Cullen	3 p.m.
,, ,,	Kilburn, Brondesbury Road	Miss E. Myers	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Lewisham, Shop	Self-Denial Sale	2 to 9 p.m.
,, ,,	Muswell Hill, Athenæum	**Mrs. Pethick Lawrence,** Mrs. Massy; Chair: Mrs. Mansell-Moullin	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Paddington, 50, Praed Street	Mrs. Cobden Sanderson	8.15 p.m.
Thursday, 16	Holloway Road, Beale's Assembly Rooms, Room 13	Cecil Chapman, Esq., Miss Billing	8 p.m.
,, ,,	**Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square, W.**	**Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., Miss E. Brackenbury**	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Uxbridge, Town Hall	Women's Tax Resistance League. Mrs. Kineton Parkes, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson. Chair: Hon. Mrs. Haverfield	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Walthamstow, Pioneer Café, Hoe Street	Mrs. Whitten	8.30 p.m.
Friday, 17	4, Clements Inn, W.C.	Speakers' Class. Miss Rosa Leo	7.45 p.m.
,, ,,	905, Fulham Road, S.W.	Mrs. Cobden Sanderson	7 p.m.
,, ,,	Harlesden, Manor Park Road		7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Harrow Road, Prince of Wales (outside)	Miss V. Wentworth	8 p.m.
,, ,,	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings	Annual Meeting	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Wimbledon, Compton Hall	Miss Leonora Tyson	3.30 p.m.

March 23, Royal Albert Hall Meeting, 8 p.m.

March 15, and on the three subsequent days at the usual shop-hours; (2) the whist-drive at Avenue House, on Saturday, March 18, at 7.30 p.m. (tickets 1s. 6d., including refreshments, are on sale or return at the shop); Mr. L. Housman's Reading of "Pains and Penalties" at the Parish Hall, Ladywell Road, on April 6, at 8 p.m. Tickets: 2s. reserved, and 1s. unreserved, and explanatory programmes at 2d. each can be obtained at the shop. More contributions for the Self-Denial Sale will be most welcome. Thanks to Miss Okey for two hoods. Short open-air meetings will be held to-morrow, Saturday (see programme), when collections in aid of Self-Denial Fund will be taken. Speakers, chairwomen, and collectors should be at the shop at 5 p.m. sharp.

NORTH ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Constance Bryer, 40, Tufnell Pk., N.

Every member is concentrating on Self-Denial Week in a practical manner, and an important canvass is to be carried out. Will those members who were not present at the last workers' meeting please call on, or write to, Miss Hume, 28, Weston Park, Crouch End, who will tell them what to do? The taking of a Committee-room is contemplated, and the opinion of the workers is requested. The Highgate Tube poster was paid for by Miss Herbert up till March 28. Is anybody willing to subscribe for the next three months (8s. 6d.)? It is urgently desired that a large audience will be present at the next At Home on March 16 (see programme). Mr. Cecil Chapman has promised to speak on "Woman as Comrade." Members and sympathisers are asked to bring friends and acquaintances. There will be a special workers' and general meeting on March 21, at which Mrs. Drummond will be present, so it is hoped that a large number will make a point of attending.

N.W. LONDON.

Shop and Office—215, High Road, Kilburn. Tel. 1183, Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell.

On Wednesday, March 1, a very successful afternoon meeting was held at 7, Leighton Terrace, through the kindness of Mrs. Newton. The speaker was Mrs. L. C. Cullen; Mrs. Boyd was in the chair. The majority of those present had never attended a Suffrage meeting before; many were very much impressed. There was a good sale of literature. Miss Burton's rendering of "Woman This, and Woman That" was much appreciated. Many took membership cards, and promised support for the forthcoming afternoon meeting in Doyle Hall on March 15. Will all living in Kensal Rise help to make this meeting known? Handbills and particulars of work can be had at the shop, 215, High Road, Kilburn, also from hon. sec. The hon. secretary will be glad to hear from all those who wish to join in the Census Protest. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Murray Rust, 10s.; Miss Ruth Beck, 1s.; Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 5s.; Miss Silverstone, 5s. The shop will be open on Census night for members. It will accommodate about 200.

PADDINGTON AND MARYLEBONE.

Shop and Office—50, Praed Street, W. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Haverfield.

Members are very busy doing a systematic canvass of women Municipal voters, of whom there are 2,500 in South Paddington. The question put is "Are you in favour of the taxpaying women of this country having the Parliamentary vote?" If the persons called upon are out stamped postcards are left, on which their replies are written. In this way an accurate knowledge of the views of women municipal voters in Mr. Percy Harris's constituency will be obtained. Open-air meetings have been started once more at Nutford Place, Edgware Road, every Tuesday, and "Prince of Wales," Harrow Road, every Friday, both at 8 p.m. The organiser will be very glad of help with the municipal canvass.

PINNER.

Hon. Sec., Mrs. Terrero, Rockstone House.

Mrs. Terrero's Suffrage At Home, on February 27, was largely attended. Acceptances and applications numbering over 100. An overflow was arranged in the dining-room, of which Mrs. Bates kindly took charge at short notice. Mr. Terrero kindly presided in the drawing-room, and the speeches of the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield and the Rev. Hugh B. Chapman were much appreciated at both gatherings. Miss Rosa Leo and Miss Italia Conti respectively sang and recited, the former's rendering of Dr. Ethel Smyth's Marching Song, and of "The Awakening," and the latter's "Woman This, and Woman That" being enthusiastically applauded. Good business was done by Mrs. Morris at the literature stall, and several new members were the result of this very successful At Home. The numbers attending and the interest evinced may be taken as evidence of the wonderful progress the movement is making. Mrs. Terrero appeals to sympathisers in the district to communicate with her and join this newly formed branch.

STREATHAM.

Temp. Office: 187, High Road, Streatham. Hon. Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson.

As the proceeds of Self-Denial Week will go towards the Shop Fund, it is earnestly hoped that every individual member will pledge herself to raise a definite sum during the week. Ways and means will be discussed at the members' meeting, which precedes the second lecture next Tuesday, and members should make a point of attending. The shop will be opened on Friday, March 24, and invitation cards for the opening ceremony (which Miss Evelyn Sharp has consented to perform) may be obtained at the local office. Members are asked to contribute such things as home-made jams, cakes, sweets, needlework, etc., etc. Miss Freda Simons has already promised some sweet-boxes; others will give books to the lending library, which it is proposed to open. Further offers of help should be sent, as soon as possible, to Miss Leonora Tyson. Sincere thanks to all who worked so hard to make Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting on March 1 a great success. The audience listened with rapt attention both to the speech and to the beautiful recitation by Miss Nellie Sargent. The platform was charmingly decorated, by the generosity of Mrs. Holman, and the members presented Mrs. Pethick Lawrence with a bouquet at the close of her address. Will each member make it a point of honour to dispose of one set of lecture tickets, and so to introduce one newcomer to each lecture? A few Albert Hall tickets at 2s. 6d. still remain. Gratefully acknowledged towards shop fund: Miss Cowlin, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Baxter, 2s. 6d.; J. F. Farmer, 3s.

SYDENHAM.

Shop and Office—98, Kirkdale. Organiser: Miss Miller.

The drawing-room meeting at Mrs. Streatfeild's was a great success, several new members joining after Miss Seymour's excellent speech. Mrs. Streatfeild also gave a short account of prison life. More drawing-rooms are required for meetings, and help of every kind in preparing for the big meeting on March 30. More help is needed in the shop, and more paper-sellers are most urgently needed. The meeting on Tuesday evening with Miss Conolan as speaker was a great success. The organiser hopes those local members who have not yet visited the shop will call and stay to tea. The Irish hand-embroidered linen is having a great success and makes an added attraction to members and their friends.

WANDSWORTH.

Shop and Office: 47, High Street. Organiser—Miss Charlotte Markwick.

The organiser heartily thanks Mrs. Mansel-Moullin for lending her car to advertise the Town Hall meeting. Successful out-door meetings were held at the Council House and "Spread Eagle" on Friday night, when all the listeners were so interested that they practically cleared the stock of papers. Mrs. Horn by very kindly gave a drawing-room meeting on Tuesday, February 28, and Mrs. Massy greatly altered the opinion of some anti-militants in the audience. The proceeds of the bazaar (see programme) will go towards the Self-Denial Fund. Many members have already promised to send sweets in the colours, marmalade, needlework, books, pair-ed goods, etc. All contributions to be kindly sent in by to-morrow, Saturday, at the latest. Miss Bremner has generously promised to take over the tea from 3 to 5.

WIMBLEDON.

Shop—6, Victoria Crescent Broadway, Wimbledon. Tel. 1092, P.O. Wimbledon. Hon. Organising Sec.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Merton, Surrey.

Some 120 people attended last Friday's meeting at Compton Hall, when the Rev. G. T. Sadler took the chair, for the address on "Mary Wollstonecraft" by Mrs. Lamartine Yates. Mr. Sadler made it clear he did not go the full length of the militant policy, but equally clear that from the ethical standpoint Votes for Women was essential not only to the women but to the spiritual evolution of the nation and the race. Mrs. Lamartine Yates, who had risen from a sick bed to keep her engagement, was given an enthusiastic reception. A record collection and sale of literature (especially of Mr. Clayton's "Mary Wollstonecraft") resulted. To-day at 3.30, Mr. Victor Duval will speak at Compton Hall on "Liberalism and Woman Suffrage," and next Friday Miss Leonora Tyson will deal with "Strange Prejudices." Each member should undertake each week to distribute a definite number of handbills of these weekly meetings. One volunteer (Mrs. Bather) has come forward to carry the pretty sandwich board. Who else will? Shop stewards are asked not to fail without notifying the chief shop steward in good time, and whenever possible to provide a substitute themselves. More volunteers are needed to fill gaps caused by illness. Self-Denial week cakes and marmalade must be delivered at the shop not later than 11 a.m. on Friday, March 17. Sunday's meeting on the Common was a great success, Mrs. Huggett again proving an excellent chairman and Miss Alice Wright an interesting speaker. Thanks to Dr. Bather for so ably filling an unexpected gap last week.

Home Counties.

BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Strafford Road.

Last Tuesday afternoon's meeting at Tilbing's Tea Rooms was very successful; six new members joined the Union. The audience greatly enjoyed Miss Hicks' address. This being Self-Denial Week, every member is called on to help in the special canvassing, directions for which have been sent to members, and it is most urgent that all should co-operate in this scheme. It will be an additional help if those who cannot canvass will stand with collecting boxes near the stations at the busiest passenger-hours. Boxes may be had at any time from the secretary or treasurer. All readers and friends are cordially invited to the afternoon meeting next Thursday afternoon (see below). Mrs. Stockman (Dunedin, Willifield Way, Hendon, W.) is organising arrangements for resisting the Census, as also those for Self-Denial week. She will be glad to have any names and suggestions in either connection.

Saturday, Mar. 11.—New Barnet, The Triangle, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 16.—Whetstone, Bicknell, Athenæum Road, At Home, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Hostess: Mrs. Barfield.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Holden, 19, Eversley Road.

A well-attended meeting was held at the Victoria Hall on Friday, the 24th ult., at 8 p.m., when the speaker was Miss Hattie Baker. The chair was taken by Councillor R. D. Jesty, who is a sincere supporter of the movement, and who expressed his conviction that the vote would soon be won. Miss Baker, whose address was much appreciated, spoke on the religious and moral aspect of the suffrage question. At the close of the meeting the resolution, calling upon the Government to grant facilities for the passing of a Women's Suffrage Bill this session, was carried by a large majority.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Office—221, Old Christchurch Road. Hon. Sec.—Miss G. Lewis.

Members are reminded of the debate which will be held on Tuesday next (see below), and they are also asked to help in making the Princess Hall meeting on March 31, when Miss Evelyn Sharp will speak, a great success.

Tuesday, Mar. 14.—Pokesdown Congregational Debating Society, Miss Isabel Seymour, Mrs. Dering-White, 8.15 p.m.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—8, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 4883 Nat. Organiser—Miss G. Allen.

As there are no important meetings for next week, members are asked to concentrate on Self-Denial work. All the different wards of Brighton and Hove have been made out for canvassing with circular and envelope. Members are earnestly requested to call at the office and undertake a ward. The chief constable is going to be approached and asked if he will allow collecting in the streets. Everyone is asked to make a special point of being present at the members' meeting to-night.

Friday, March 10.—Members' meeting, 8 p.m.

CANTERBURY AND SOUTH KENT.

Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay, County Hotel, Canterbury.

Dover has followed the example of Manchester and the other important towns, which have passed a resolution calling upon the Government to grant facilities to the Woman's Suffrage Bill. A joint deputation of the N.U.W.S.S. and W.S.P.U. had previously visited some of the councillors and explained the position. The Folkestone library has agreed to take the paper, thanks to Miss Key. At the recent social meeting, held, through the generous kindness of Mrs. Tomkins, at the County Hotel, Canterbury, a splendid response was made to the appeal for help in arranging the coming meeting at which Mrs. Lawrence and Mr. Franklin will speak. Tickets should be taken at once. They may be had at the County Hotel and Goulden's Music Warehouse, in both of which places a plan of the Foresters' Hall may be consulted. Friends are asked to come in numbers to the open-air meeting on Tuesday evening to distribute handbills and sell the paper. Thanks to the efforts of the Canterbury literature secretary, eight of the most important newsagents show the poster and supplement the street-selling which is being carried on so gallantly by Miss Hawkins. Miss Hardy has generously paid for another month's display of the posters at the two principal stations.

Tuesday, Mar. 14.—Canterbury, Westgate, Miss Macaulay, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 16.—Canterbury, Foresters' Hall, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Hugh A. Franklin, Esq., 8.15 p.m.

MAIDSTONE AND NORTH KENT.

Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth, 32, Stuart Road, Gillingham, Kent.

As the local papers say, "the Cause" in North Kent is steadily progressing and gaining ground. Many thanks to these members who helped so splendidly in selling tickets, etc. New members have been made at both the Chatham and Sittingbourne meetings. The Press gave excellent reports. Arrangements are now well in hand for Lady Stout's visit during the last week in March. Full details will be given later; meanwhile any member or friend who would like to help in arranging drawing-room meetings should communicate with the organiser. More helpers are wanted at the open-air meetings, which are now quite a regular feature in Chatham and members are asked to attend. Self-Denial Week commences to-morrow (Saturday). Will members do their utmost to ensure a large sum being sent up from this quarter? Canvassing is being done in Margate, Broadstairs and Chatham. Help in any way will be gladly welcomed. Any member wishing to go to the Albert Hall, March 23, should communicate with the organiser without delay, before final arrangements are made.

Monday, Mar. 13.—Chatham, Town Hall, open-air meeting, 7.30 p.m.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Organiser: Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road, Portsmouth.

Portsmouth members gave a warm welcome last week to Mr. Hugh Franklin, who was unavoidably prevented from speaking in Southampton. Hearty thanks to Mr. Bowden Smith, who was a splendid substitute. To-morrow (Saturday) Self-Denial Week begins, and the organiser hopes that members will deliver the letters of appeal by Monday (13th) *at the latest*, and call to know the result by Thursday (16th). Miss Joachim has kindly promised to speak in both towns (see below). Invitation cards on application at above address. After the drawing-room meeting on Thursday in Portsmouth a cake and candy sale will be held at the same address. Proceeds will go to the local Self-Denial Fund. Home-made cakes, marmalade and sweets will be welcome, and friends are asked to write to the organiser, stating what they will contribute. Contributions should be sent to 32, Outram Road, clearly marked "Cake and Candy Sale," during the morning of March 16. Jumble sales will be held in the St. Michael's Church schoolroom, Southampton, and at the I.L.P. quarters, Pratton Road, Portsmouth, on Saturday, March 18, both at 3 p.m. Parcels should be sent to Miss Marsh at these addresses. At Southampton a whist drive will be held on Monday, March 20, at 7.45 p.m., at Lowman's Café, Above Bar. Tickets, 2s. (including refreshments). All money raised by the above will go to Self-Denial Fund. Names are coming in for the Census Resistance. Miss Marsh hopes to receive others without delay.

Wednesday, Mar. 15.—Southampton, 61, Oxford Street, Drawing-room Meeting, Miss Joachim. Chair, Miss Cumberland, 3.30 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 16.—Portsmouth, 32, Outram Road, Drawing-room Meeting, cake and candy sale, Miss Joachim, 3.30 p.m.

RAYLEIGH.

Shop and Office—High Street. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Warren, B.A., The White Cottage.

Members and friends are reminded of the meeting on Saturday, March 18, when Hugh Franklin, Esq., will be the speaker. Will those members who were unable to be present at last Tuesday's meeting communicate with Mrs. Warren at once, as there are several schemes to be carried out next week which need the help of every member. Meetings are held at the shop every Tuesday evening, at 8.15 p.m., and as current events in or touching upon the women's movement are discussed, these should prove especially helpful to members.

READING.

Shop and Office: 22a, West Street. Organiser—Miss Stella Fife.

Members and sympathisers are asked to call at the shop to-morrow (Saturday) morning or on Monday to take work for Self-Denial Week. Everyone can help in some way. Canvassing expeditions to the chief villages round Reading form part of the programme. Those who cannot possibly take part in this can do most valuable work at home in sending out letters which the organiser will supply. Who will volunteer to sell the paper on Fridays and Saturdays? Miss Dawkes (Digis, Newbury) has arranged a canvass for Self-Denial Week for that district, and all members should see her without delay. It is also proposed to start a speakers' debating class at Newbury at once. Members wishing to join should write to Miss Dawkes.

Friday, Mar. 10.—39a, West Street, Members and Friends, 7.30 p.m.

REDHILL.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Richmond, Pengates House.

The machine now exhibited in the case, which in one revolution puts some thirty pithy suffrage facts before the public, has attracted the attention of numerous passers by. As the case is now lit by electricity, it serves its purpose by night as well as by day.

Saturday, Mar. 11.—Corner of Ledbroke Road, Miss Leslie Hall; Chair: Miss Cather, 8 p.m.

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—57, John Bright Street. Tel., 1448 Midland. Organisers—Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Hasel.

Members are reminded that there is still time to give in their names for Self-Denial Week canvass. They are asked to call at the office and take letters to deliver in their own district. Please let the organisers know whether you are joining in the Procession on Wednesday. Those members who wish to boycott the Census, but are unable to risk fine or imprisonment, are asked to send in their names to the office, and to state whether they are able to stay up the night, or if they must have a bed. Arrangements are being made to suit all needs.

Friday, Mar. 10.—Queen's College, Mrs. Pemberton Peake, Mrs. Burman, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 15.—Procession and Demonstration. Form up at Easy Row, 7 p.m.; Start at 7.30 p.m. via New Street and Old Square. Speeches in Bull Ring, 8.15 p.m.
Friday, Mar. 17.—Queen's College, Mrs. Bates, 8 p.m.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel., 1713 Leicester. Organisers—Miss Dorothy Pethick, Miss Y. West.

Members and sympathisers will be interested to know that in the first year of the shop's existence, ending February 23, sale of literature, colours, and private goods amounts to £116 19s. 8d. This is a great encouragement to those members who have devoted so much time to decorating and looking after the shop. The organiser has a few Albert Hall tickets, arena 1s., and balcony 6d., but they should be applied for at once. Next week is Self-Denial Week. Cakes, jams, sweets, and all kinds of articles will be most welcome, and the organiser trusts that every member will at least bring one contribution, and also bring customers to the shop. A stall will be taken in the Market Square on the two Saturdays, and all Votes for Women goods will be on sale there. Volunteers to mind the stall will be welcome. Members are reminded of the special meeting on Wednesday, at which Mrs. Bates will speak. Will members please take special note that an afternoon meeting is being held on Tuesday, as well as an evening one, and make a great effort to make both meetings a success? Invitation cards for the afternoon meeting can be obtained from the shop, and it is hoped members will call and get them for their friends. Many have volunteered for Self-Denial canvassing, but there is room for more.

Saturday, Mar. 11.—Leicester, Market Stall, all day.
Tuesday, Mar. 14.—Leicester, Temperance Hall, Room 3 and 4, Mrs. Bates. Chair, Miss Tyler, 3.30 and 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 15.—Kirby Muxloe, Co-operative Hall, Mrs. Bates, 3 p.m.; Leicester, Gopsall Street Schools, Mrs. Bates, 8 p.m.

NOTTINGHAM.

Office—6, Carlton Street. Tel., 611. Hon. Secs.—Miss C. M. Burgis, B.A., Miss Wallis.

Mrs. Kineton Parkes' address on Tax-Resistance roused great interest, but local members were specially interested in the information about the Census. There promises to be a strong protest. Will any who will join in any way come to the meeting at 6, Carlton Street to-morrow (Saturday morning), and discuss the Census and Self-Denial canvassing. It is hoped that all members will sell tickets for March 15. The musical and dramatic programme includes Morris Dancing. Madame Elsa Oswald has kindly promised to sing. Mrs. Wright gratefully acknowledges all the gifts for the shop. Will all save for the Rummage Sale? The Pageant date is now definitely fixed for May 4. It will be produced under the direction of Miss Edith Craig, and the local Union has been very fortunate in securing help from Mr. Cracke and all influential committee, who have undertaken to carry through the performance.

Saturday, Mar. 11.—6, Carlton Street, Workers' Meeting, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 15.—Calvert's Ball Room, Musical and Dramatic At Home, 8 p.m.

WALSALL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Eveline Thacker, Field House, Buchanan Road, Walsall.

Arrangements are being made to hold monthly drawing-room meetings in Walsall. Will members who are willing to lend their rooms for this purpose send in their names to Miss Thacker? This is a splendid method of propaganda work, and it is hoped many will help.

Thursday, Mar. 16.—38, Ablewell Street, Drawing-room meeting. Mrs. Bates. Hostess: Mrs. Layton, 3.30 p.m.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Helen Boswell, 117, Dunstall Road.

An afternoon At Home will be held in the Victoria Hotel on Tuesday, March 14, when Lady Margesson will speak on "Woman's Responsibility to the State." Chair to be taken at 3.30 by Mrs. Davies of Birmingham. Will all members and friends make a point of being present?

West of England.

AXMINSTER.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Clarence, Coaxden.

A meeting was held recently by the kindness of Mrs. Ramsey at Oak House, Axminster. It was decided to form a local branch of the Union. Miss Clarence has kindly consented to act as hon. sec., Mrs. Ramsey, Oak House, as assistant sec. Will anyone interested in the movement in the neighbourhood kindly communicate with Mrs. Ramsey?

BATH.

Shop—12, Walcot Street, Bath.
Organiser—Mrs. Mansel.

Mr. Cecil Chapman's meeting was a great success in every way, and his valuable testimony to the importance and urgency of the vote deeply interested a large and representative audience. Congratulations to the splendid local workers on the result of their labours, and sincerest thanks in addition to Miss Una Dugdale, the Misses Strangways, and Miss Harrison for invaluable help in working up the meeting. Besides sale of tickets a good collection was taken, and fourteen new subscribers gained for VOTES FOR WOMEN. Members must now make a big success of Mr. Franklin's meeting. Census-evasion is what everyone is thinking about, and friends must come and hear how they can take a share in it. Members are preparing for Self-Denial Week. Special plans are a stall in the market and house-to-house canvass. Presents of flowers, sweets, cakes, jam, eggs, butter, clothes, old and new, anything and everything saleable for the stall, are earnestly requested. Please send contributions to the shop by Saturday, and helpers please volunteer. A great effort must be made at this critical time in response to the treasurer's appeal.

Saturday, Mar. 11. — Assembly Rooms, Hugh A. Franklin, Esq. Chair, Mrs. Mansel, 3.30 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 18.—Assembly Rooms, Mrs. Dove-Willcox, 3.30 p.m.

BRISTOL.

Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel., 1345.
Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

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Members have drawn up a letter of their own with which to canvass women householders, and the whole of the town has been allocated, Dr. Jones having undertaken two whole wards herself in the very limited spare time she has. A crowded meeting for Mrs. Pankhurst on March 30 is anticipated. Tickets may be had from either Dr. Jones or Miss Greenwood, or at the Victoria Hall Music Room.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.
Organiser—Miss L. Williams.

The organiser appeals for gifts for to-morrow's sale from every member and sympathiser. Everything must be sent to the shop, to-day, Friday or early Saturday morning. There will be tea for those who bring their own provisions and pay 3d., a good beginning for Self-Denial Week. On February 22 Miss Ashton gave a most interesting account of the lives and work of some "Pioneer Women," and on March 1 the Hon. Mrs. Parsons' delightful address on "The Lady," was very much enjoyed by her audience. Will members do their best to make these lectures known to their friends? The tickets are ready for Miss Vida Goldstein's Town Hall meeting on Friday, April 7. The organiser hopes all members will apply for some, and push the sales. It is hoped to hold a big advertising poster parade during the last week. Who will volunteer? The South Shields monthly meeting was held on Friday, March 3 in the Victoria Hall. Mr. Leyden, M.P.U., made a capital chairman, and introduced Dr. Alice Burn (New Zealand), who delighted her audience with her speech on Women's Suffrage in New Zealand. At the close of the meeting seven new members joined. Mrs. Leyden is arranging a Whist Drive, proceeds to be for South Shields Self-Denial Fund. Particulars and date will be announced shortly. Jarrow members are planning a Social Evening to swell their funds. Miss Briggs and Miss West are going to begin in paper-selling in the streets at South Shields. The first monthly meeting at Sunderland will be held on March 23, but after that, on the third Thursday in every month. Time and place of all meetings will be published in VOTES FOR WOMEN whenever possible. Thanks to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs Alder for cakes for Wednesday's tea, and to Mrs. Wilson for getting a newsagent to show a poster at Benwell.

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SCARBOROUGH.

Shop: 32, Huntriss Row.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Suffield, 13, New Queen Street.
Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley.

The Wednesday evening meetings have begun. Miss Key-Jones was the speaker on Wednesday evening, with Miss Mary Mackenzie in the chair. It has been decided to keep the shop open on Wednesday afternoons, when it is hoped that the business people with a half-holiday will visit it. Miss Bremner has kindly lent two comfortable chairs, a carpet, and mirror. Nurse Toy has also promised £1 towards the decoration of the shop. Many thanks also to Mrs. Piper for the two fenders and fireirons she lent. Local members wish to thank York members for the very excellent supper they provided on the occasion of the visit to the York theatricals. It has been suggested that members make a special effort for Self-Denial Week by selling the paper. Miss Mary Mackenzie has promised to dispose of 100 and Dr. Mackenzie of 200 copies during that week. Any member willing to undertake this special work please call at the shop for papers. It is suggested that an attempt should be made to sell them to the women municipal electors, who might at the same time be reminded of Mr. Bowntree's meeting on Wednesday.

Wednesday, March 15. — Howard Bowntree, Esq. Chair, Dr. Mackenzie, 8 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 22, Chapel Walk Sheffield. Tel.: Broomhill 348.

The shop is now in good working order, and it is hoped that members will help to make it a great success. Shopkeepers are wanted for the hours from one to two and six to eight. Who will volunteer? Volunteers are also needed for paper selling, especially on Friday and Saturday mornings. Members and friends in Doncaster and Barnsley are urged to send their names to 22, Chapel Walk, and those in Rotherham to Mrs. Slack, High Street, Rotherham, as help will be welcomed in making Mrs. Pankhurst's and Miss Vida Goldstein's meeting a great success. Tea can be obtained in the afternoon at a charge of 4d.

Monday, Mar. 13.—Albert Hall, Mr. Laurence Housman, 8 p.m.
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YORK.

Office—33, Coney Street.
Organiser—Miss Key-Jones.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coultate, 33, Melbourne Street.

The Shrove Tuesday entertainment, both matinée and evening, proved a great success. Large audiences watched the performance with the keenest interest and delight. The splendid acting of Miss Constance Walton, of the Actresses' Franchise League, and Mr. Dennis Cleugh, was highly appreciated, and round after round of applause greeted them when they appeared before the curtain. The remainder of the cast was admirably filled, and the characters well sustained by Mrs. W. Keith Rollo, Miss Geraldine Reynolds, Miss Rayne, Misses Nona and Dorothy Baines, Miss Jones, Captain Ranson and Mr. W. H. Key-Jones. A delightful item on the programme was a charming and graceful character dance by Miss Nona Baines. Miss Adela Pankhurst, who was greeted with loud applause, gave a stirring address at each performance. Excellent propaganda work was done, and York is being thoroughly roused to the need of the woman's vote. Best thanks to all those who helped in any and every way to secure the success of the entertainment. Thoughts and efforts now turn to the next meeting, when Mr. Laurence Housman and Miss Adela Pankhurst will speak on the subject "No Vote, No Census." Members are needed to help to advertise this. Work can be found for all. Members are also called upon to prepare for Self-Denial Week. Individual and collective efforts must be made, so members, "Wake up!"

Saturday, Mar. 11.—Assembly Rooms, Miss Adela Pankhurst, Mr. Laurence Housman, 8 p.m.

North-Western Counties.

BIRKENHEAD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. E. Abraham, 2, Kingsmead Road, S.

Fortnightly members' meetings are now being held; a very successful and well-attended meeting was held on February 22, when Mrs. Zangwill gave a witty and brilliant address on "Aunt Sallies." Members are reminded that Dr. Alice Ker (VOTES FOR WOMEN Sec.), 6, James' Street, still wants volunteers for the sale of the paper.

Friday, Mar. 10.—King's Café, Miss Davies, 8 p.m.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—22, Derry Street. Tel. 3761 Royal.
Organiser—Miss Davies.

On Friday, March 3, the members turned up well to meet the new organiser. Mrs. Drummond also spoke, and the arrangements for evading the Census were fully discussed. A large number of members gave in their names as willing to protest. Paper sellers are greatly encouraged by the increase in the paper sales. In the last few months Birkenhead has reached over 100 per week. Please note members' meeting to-night.

Friday, Mar. 10.—Liverpool, Shop, Members' Meeting, 8 p.m.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Central Office—19, St. Ann's Square, Manchester. Tel.: 1910 Central. Organiser—Miss Stephenson.

Miss Evelyn Sharp's and Miss Brackenbury's visits were much appreciated and a very attentive hearing was given them in Wilmslow. The first public meeting of the 1911 campaign in Manchester took place in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday. Mrs. Zangwill charmed her hearers by her witty frustrations of the Anti-Suffragists' arguments. Miss Williamson and Miss Brannan (New York) also spoke. Members are asked to bring as many friends as possible to the "Census Resistance" meeting to-night (see below). Miss Stephenson is organising a street canvass for Self-Denial Week, which commences to-morrow (Saturday). Anyone who will take ten or more houses please call at the office. Several members have already taken their share. More street collectors are needed for Self-Denial week. The five pitches must be occupied from

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WALSALL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Erskine Thacker, Field House, Buchanan Road, Walsall.

Arrangements are being made to hold monthly drawing-room meetings in Walsall. Will members who are willing to lend their rooms for this purpose send in their names to Miss Thacker? This is a splendid method of propaganda work, and it is hoped many will help.

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Hon. Sec.—Miss Helen Boswell, 117, Dunstall Road.

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West of England.

AXMINSTER.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Clarence, Coaxden.

A meeting was held recently by the kindness of Mrs. Ramsay at Oak House, Axminster. It was decided to form a local branch of the Union. Miss Clarence has kindly consented to act as hon. sec., Mrs. Ramsay, Oak House, as assistant sec. Will anyone interested in the movement in the neighbourhood kindly communicate with Mrs. Ramsay?

BATH.

Shop—19, Walcot Street, Bath.
Organiser—Mrs. Mansel.

Mr. Cecil Chapman's meeting was a great success in every way, and his valuable testimony to the importance and urgency of the vote deeply interested a large and representative audience. Congratulations to the splendid local workers on the result of their labours, and sincerest thanks in addition to Miss Una Dugdale, the Misses Strangways, and Miss Harrison for invaluable help in working up the meeting. Besides sale of tickets a good collection was taken, and fourteen new subscribers gained for VOTES FOR WOMEN. Members must now make a big success of Mr. Franklin's meeting. Census-evasion is what everyone is thinking about, and friends must come and hear how they can take a share in it. Members are preparing for Self-Denial Week. Special plans are a stall in the market and house-to-house canvass. Presents of flowers, sweets, cakes, jam, eggs, butter, clothes, old and new, anything and everything saleable for the stall, are earnestly requested. Please send contributions to the shop by Saturday, and helpers please volunteer. A great effort must be made at this critical time in response to the treasurer's appeal.

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Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips.
Hon. Sec.—Dr. Helena Jones, 4, Rhodesia Avenue.

Members have drawn up a letter of their own with which to canvass women householders, and the whole of the town has been allocated, Dr. Jones having undertaken two whole wards herself in the very limited spare time she has. A crowded meeting for Mrs. Pankhurst on March 30 is anticipated. Tickets may be had from either Dr. Jones or Miss Greenwood, or at the Victoria Hall Music Room.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.
Organiser—Miss A. Williams.

The organiser appeals for gifts for to-morrow's sale from every member and sympathiser. Everything must be sent to the shop, to-day, Friday or early Saturday morning. There will be tea for those who bring their own provisions and pay 3d., a good beginning for Self-Denial Week. On February 22 Miss Ashmun gave a most interesting account of the lives and work of some "Pioneer Women," and on March 1 the Hon. Mrs. Parsons' delightful address on "The Lady," was very much enjoyed by her audience. Will members do their best to make these lectures known to their friends? The tickets are ready for Miss Vida Goldstein's Town Hall meeting on Friday, April 7. The organiser hopes all members will apply for some, and push the sales. It is hoped to hold a big advertising poster parade during the last week. Who will volunteer? The South Shields monthly meeting was held on Friday, March 3 in the Victoria Hall. Mr. Leyden, M.P.U., made a capital chairman, and introduced Dr. Alice Burn (New Zealand), who delighted her audience with her speech on Women's Suffrage in New Zealand. At the close of the meeting seven new members joined. Mrs. Leyden is arranging a Whist Drive, proceeds to be for South Shields Self-Denial Fund. Particulars and date will be announced shortly. Jarrow members are planning a Social Evening to swell their funds. Miss Briggs and Miss West are going to begin in paper-selling in the streets at South Shields. The first monthly meeting at Sunderland will be held on March 23, but after that, on the third Thursday in every month. Time and place of all meetings will be published in VOTES FOR WOMEN whenever possible. Thanks to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs Alder for cakes for Wednesday's tea, and to Mrs. Wilson for getting a newsagent to show a poster at Benwell.

Friday, Mar. 10.—St. Stephen's Mutual Improvement Society, Parochial Hall, Tulloch Street, Miss Williams, 7.30 p.m.
Monday, Mar. 13. — Jarrow, Women's Co-operative Guild, Miss Williams, 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 14.—Jarrow Adult School, Station Street, Miss Williams, Dr. Alice Burn, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 15.—77, Blackett Street, At Home, Miss Lucy Burns, B.A., 3 p.m.; Miss Ida Williamson, Miss Lucy Burns, B.A., 7.30 p.m.

SCARBOROUGH.

Shop: 33, Huntriss Row.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Bulmeld, 13, New Queen Street.
Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley.

The Wednesday evening meetings have begun. Miss Key-Jones was the speaker on Wednesday evening, with Miss Mary Mackenzie in the chair. It has been decided to keep the shop open on Wednesday afternoons, when it is hoped that the business people with a half-holiday will visit it. Miss Bremner has kindly lent two comfortable chairs, a carpet, and mirror. Nurse Toy has also promised £1 towards the decoration of the shop. Many thanks also to Mrs. Piper for the two fenders and fireirons she lent. Local members wish to thank York members for the very excellent supper they provided on the occasion of the visit to the York theatricals. It has been suggested that members make a special effort for Self-Denial Week by selling the paper. Miss Mary Mackenzie has promised to dispose of 100 and Dr. Mackenzie of 200 copies during that week. Any member willing to undertake this special work please call at the shop for papers. It is suggested that an attempt should be made to sell them to the women municipal electors, who might at the same time be reminded of Mr. Rowntree's meeting on Wednesday.

Wednesday, March 15. — Howard Rowntree, Esq. Chair, Dr. Mackenzie, 8 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 22, Chapel Walk Sheffield. Tel.: Broomhill 849.

The shop is now in good working order, and it is hoped that members will help to make it a great success. Shopkeepers are wanted for the hours from one to two and six to eight. Who will volunteer? Volunteers are also needed for paper selling, especially on Friday and Saturday mornings. Members and friends in Doncaster and Barnsley are urged to send their names to 26, Chapel Walk, and those in Rotherham to Mrs. Slack, High Street, Rotherham, as help will be welcomed in making Mrs. Pankhurst's and Miss Vida Goldstein's meeting a great success. Tea can be obtained in the afternoon at a charge of 4d.

Monday, Mar. 13.—Albert Hall, Mr. Laurence Housman, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 16.—Cutlers' Hall, Dr. Ralph Williams, 8 p.m.

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Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coultate, 38, Melbourne Street.

The Shrove Tuesday entertainment, both matinée and evening, proved a great success. Large audiences watched the performance with the keenest interest and delight. The splendid acting of Miss Constance Walton, of the Actresses' Franchise League, and Mr. Dennis Cleugh, was highly appreciated, and round after round of applause greeted them when they appeared before the curtain. The remainder of the caste was admirably filled, and the characters well sustained by Mrs. W. Keith Rollo, Miss Geraldine Reynolds, Miss Rayne, Misses Nona and Dorothy Baines, Miss Jones, Captain Ransom and Mr. W. H. Key-Jones. A delightful item on the programme was a charming and graceful character dance by Miss Nona Baines. Miss Adela Pankhurst, who was greeted with loud applause, gave a stirring address at each performance. Excellent propaganda work was done, and York is being thoroughly roused to the need of the woman's vote. Best thanks to all those who helped in any and every way to secure the success of the entertainment. Thoughts and efforts now turn to the next meeting, when Mr. Laurence Housman and Miss Adela Pankhurst will speak on the subject "No Vote, No Census." Members are needed to help to advertise this. Work can be found for all. Members are also called upon to prepare for Self-Denial Week. Individual and collective efforts must be made, so members, "Wake up!"

Saturday, Mar. 11.—Assembly Rooms, Miss Adela Pankhurst, Mr. Laurence Housman, 8 p.m.

North-Western Counties.

BIRKENHEAD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. E. Abraham, 2, Kingsmead Road, S.

Fortnightly members' meetings are now being held; a very successful and well-attended meeting was held on February 28, when Mrs. Zangwill gave a witty and brilliant address on "Aunt Sallies." Members are reminded that Dr. Alida Ker (VOTES FOR WOMEN Sec.), 6, James' Street, still wants volunteers for the sale of the paper.

Friday, Mar. 10.—King's Café, Miss Davies, 8 p.m.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—22, Derry Street. Tel. 3761 Royal.
Organiser—Miss Davies.

On Friday, March 3, the members turned up well to meet the new organiser, Mrs. Drummond also spoke, and the arrangements for evading the Census were fully discussed. A large number of members gave in their names as willing to protest. Paper sellers are greatly encouraged by the increase in the paper sales. In the last few months Birkenhead has reached over 100 per week. Please note members' meeting to-night.

Friday, Mar. 10.—Liverpool, Shop, Members' Meeting, 8 p.m.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Central Office—19, St. Ann's Square, Manchester Tel.: 1910 Central. Organiser—Miss Stephenson.

Miss Evelyn Sharp's and Miss Brackenbury's visits were much appreciated and a very attentive hearing was given them in Wilmslow. The first public meeting of the 1911 campaign in Manchester took place in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday. Mrs. Zangwill charmed her hearers by her witty frustrations of the Anti-Suffragists' arguments. Miss Williamson and Miss Brannan (New York) also spoke. Members are asked to bring as many friends as possible to the "Census Resistance" meeting to-night (see below). Miss Stephenson is organising a street canvass for Self-Denial Week, which commences to-morrow (Saturday). Anyone who will take ten or more houses please call at the office. Several members have already taken their share. More street collectors are needed for Self-Denial week. The five pitches must be occupied from

12 to 8 p.m. A whist drive at 17, St. Ann's Square is proposed for Friday, March 31, the proceeds to go to Self-Denial fund. Offers of provisions, extra crockery, prizes, disposal of tickets etc., will be appreciated. Suggestions and new ideas will be welcome. Manchester stallholders are asked to note that the Liverpool and Southport Bazaar will take place in Liverpool in May. Further details will be given later. A president is required for the Doll and Toy stall. Tickets and posters for Miss Vida Goldstein's meeting on March 27 are now ready. Members are asked to do all they can to make this a great success.

Friday, March 10.—17, St. Ann's Square, At Home, Mr. Laurence Housman. Chair: Miss Fitzsimon, 3 p.m. Onward Building, Mr. Laurence Housman, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14.—17, St. Ann's Square, At Home, 3 p.m.
Friday, March 17.—17, St. Ann's Square, At Home, Miss Davies.

WALLASEY.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Mahood, Burscough Bridge; Mrs. F. Heathcote, 21, Martins Lane, Liscard.

The fortnightly meetings are being well attended and several new members have joined. Thanks to the energy of Mrs. Andrews another poster is being exhibited, bringing the number up to four in this district. A committee has been formed and the work of canvassing the women municipal voters is going ahead. Will members moving to a new address please advise one of the secretaries as soon as possible?

Scotland.

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.

Office—61, Nethergate. Organiser—Miss Fraser Smith, M.A. Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.

Miss Gibb's concise and telling statement, on March 1, of her trying experiences on November 18 and 22 was most opportune and must have gone far to prove to those present that the police acted towards the deputations under very elastic orders, and in many instances acted much against their own inclination. Mr. Laurence Housman's visit on March 15, when he will speak on Women and the Census, should prove especially interesting to those who mean to avoid the Census. Members are counted on to advertise this fact energetically. There will be a few reserved seats at 6d. All efforts are now concentrated on Self-Denial Week. The organiser has approached the theatre managers for permission to take a collection during the intervals at evening performances in their respective theatres. This should prove a fruitful source for the funds. Many plans are on foot, and many workers are needed. Promises of goods and of help for the Cake and Candy Sale, March 25, are coming in steadily. Will other contributors come forward?

Saturday, Mar. 11.—Flower Market, Stall, 2 to 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 15.—Drawing-room meeting, Mr. Laurence Housman; Hostess: Miss Moorhead, 3 p.m. Gilfillan Hall, Room 3, Mr. Laurence Housman, 8 p.m.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—8, Melville Place, Queensferry Street. Organiser—Miss Lucy Burns, B.A. Tel.: 6182 Central.

Report of Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting will be found elsewhere. It is necessary that members utilise the general interest aroused by this meeting, by sending to the friends and acquaintances to whom they sold tickets notices of the At Homes held in Edinburgh in March, and also sending to the office a list of people whom it would be desirable to keep notified of the weekly meetings. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday meetings were held at Dunfermline, Kinross and Milnathort; Miss Burns was the speaker. In the two latter places, an entirely new district was touched and many new members secured. Miss H. Login, 8, Melville Place, has kindly consented to take over the organisation of the Census protest, and members are requested to notify her of the line of protest they intend to take. Mr. Laurence Housman, who has made himself an authority on this kind of resistance, will speak in Edinburgh on Thursday evening, and those who are in doubt about technical difficulties will be able to get full information from him. To-morrow (Saturday) Self-Denial Week begins. Workers are needed to distribute letters of appeal for funds in all parts of the city. Attention of members is called to the Speakers' Class, which held its first meeting on Tuesday evening, February 28. The class is proving most instructive and interesting; a few members can still be taken on. Workers will be glad to hear that Miss Lilias Mitchell has joined the staff as assistant organiser in Edinburgh. Miss Mitchell will shortly leave for Aberdeen to arrange a meeting there for Miss Vida Goldstein.

Tuesday, Mar. 14.—8, Melville Place, Speakers' Class, 8.15 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 16.—Royal Hotel Saloon. Speaker: Mr. Laurence Housman, 8 p.m.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—502, Sauchiehall Street. Tel.: 615, Charing Cross. Organiser—Miss Wylie.

Hearty thanks to all who worked so hard and so successfully to secure such magnificent audiences at Mrs. Pankhurst's meetings last week. An account of them will be found elsewhere. As the result of Saturday's meeting several names of householders willing to evade the Census have been secured. The organiser begs those who wish to accept the hospitality of householders to send in their names as soon as possible. An entertainment has been proposed to raise money for the Self-Denial Fund, including waxworks, dancing, tableaux vivants and theatricals. Will all willing to help please volunteer at once? The entertainment will take place on Tuesday, March 21, in the Charing Cross Hall, at 8 p.m. Will members please begin and interest their friends now. There will be no At Home to-morrow (Saturday), but on March 18 Mr. Laurence Housman will speak at Charing Cross Hall at 3 p.m.

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CRICKLEWOOD.

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SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Elocution Mistress—Miss Rosa Lee, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.
Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The speakers are all making splendid progress, and new recruits are joining every week. A large out-door campaign in connection with the Speakers' Class is to be started all over the centre of London, as it is absolutely necessary to have as many speakers as possible to explain to the man in the street the necessity for getting our Bill through Parliament this Session, and also about the Census protest. This campaign is to be worked entirely by the Speakers' Class, therefore it is hoped that all members will play up and make a very special effort to attend in large numbers this Friday, when they will hear full details. This is a splendid opportunity for all budding speakers to come out, and also for new recruits to join the Class. A list of meetings will be published next week. The subject for to-night was to have been "The Marriage Laws," but it is thought advisable to keep to current events, therefore will members please notice that the subject will be a discussion on "The Census Protest and the Police Inquiry."

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1. Members of the Union only are eligible.
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3. Entrance fee 3d. weekly, proceeds to be used for the purchase of educational literature.
4. The Library books are only to be kept one week, and must be returned or sent by post before the next class.
5. Members are limited to ten classes, and it must be clearly understood that no one shall be admitted to these classes except intending speakers.

CLERKS' W.S.P.U.

Hon. Secs.: Miss Phyllis Ayrton, 62, Edith Road, West Kensington. Miss Cynthia Maguire, 15, Carlton Vale, Maida Vale, N.W.

A special meeting for business women will be held at 15, Gordon Square (next University Hall), off Francis Street, Tottenham Court Road on Tuesday, March 14, at 7.30 p.m. The meeting is a free one, and all W.S.P.U. members are asked to bring their friends. Speeches will be delivered by Miss Maguire and Miss Ayrton on "How the Vote will Affect the Economic Position of Women." At the members' meeting on Tuesday the special appeal for collectors and canvassers in Self-Denial Week was splendidly responded to. All W.S.P.U. members engaged in clerical work are asked to send in their names to one of the Hon. Secs. The "Clerks' W.S.P.U." has been started with the especial object of drawing other business women into the movement, and already several very successful meetings have been held.

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Office—Antient Concert Buildings, Gt. Brunswick Street Dublin.

Miss Stephenson presided at usual weekly meeting held in Antient Concert Buildings on February 28. Mrs. Manning read an interesting paper on "Fiction and the Modern Woman." Miss Morony, B.A. (member of committee, Limerick branch), gave a vivid account of Suffrage activities in Limerick, Mrs. Garvey Kelly and Mrs. Connery dealt amusingly with some "Anti" objections to the enfranchisement of women put forward at a recent meeting held in Dublin. A discussion on the new form of the Conciliation Bill followed. VOTES FOR WOMEN continues to be sold in leading thoroughfares of the city. Among sellers in the country districts the following have been most active:—Howth, Miss Carre and Miss Murtagh; Mullingar, Mrs. Garvey Kelly; Kingstown, Miss Finnegan and Mrs. Manning. A concert in aid of the League funds will take place at the Molesworth Hall on March 16, at 8 p.m. Tickets can now be obtained from Mrs. Palmer, hon. sec.; from Mrs. Manning, 27, Dartmouth Square, Dublin; and from Miss Skipworth, 20, Trafalgar Terrace, Monkstown, Dublin. Mrs. Manning and Miss Skipworth have kindly undertaken all arrangements in order to help our Campaign Fund, so it is hoped that members, associates, and their friends will do their share to make the concert a success. Tickets, 3s. (reserved), 2s., and 1s.

THE MUNSTER WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

A large and representative meeting of this League was held at 112, Patrick Street, Cork, on Tuesday, February 28. The chair was taken by Mrs. Ashley Cummins, and Miss Day gave an interesting address on "Some Objections Answered." The meeting was well attended and great interest was shown.

IRISH WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY, BELFAST.

New premises have been taken at 22, Wellington Place, consisting of one large and one small room. In future these rooms will be large enough for most of the meetings, and will also be available for letting. Dr. Elizabeth Bell intends to hold a physical culture class, and Miss Hazel Elliott intends to start a childrens' dancing class on Saturday afternoons, for the benefit of the society. The new rooms will be opened on April 3, when two At Homes will be held, one at 4 o'clock, and another at 8 o'clock. On April 10, there will be a Whist Drive, tickets 2s. each.

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE, LONDON.

It is intended to start a branch of this League in London, as it is felt there are many Irish Suffragettes living here who would be glad to join, and there is not yet a branch in England. It is hoped to hold an inaugural meeting very soon. Will all Irishwomen who are interested communicate with Miss K. Pearce, 31, Delancey St., Regents Park, N.W., who is acting Secretary, and will be very pleased to answer inquiries, and to give any information.

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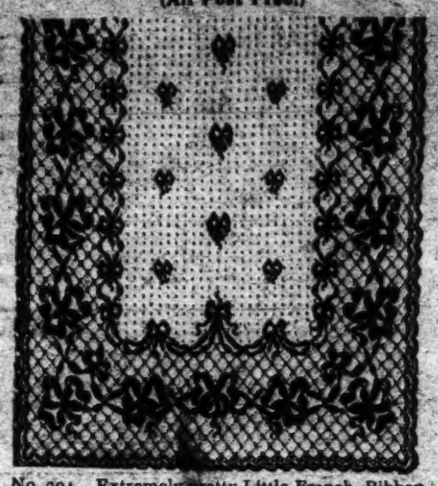

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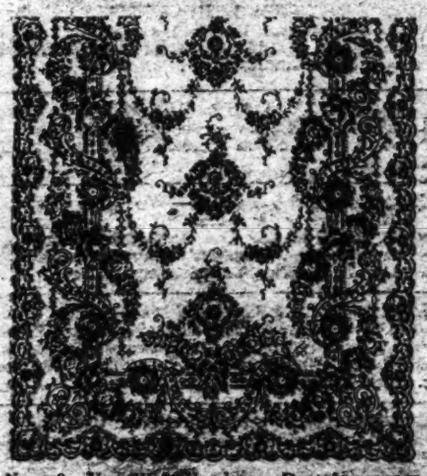

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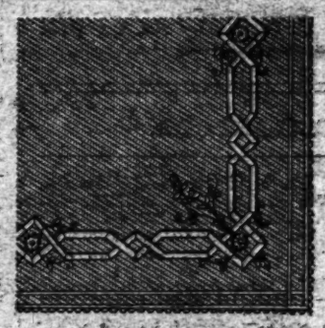

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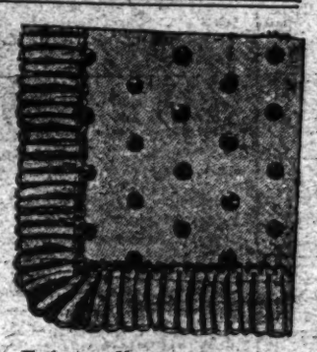

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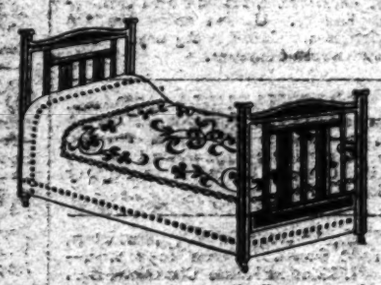

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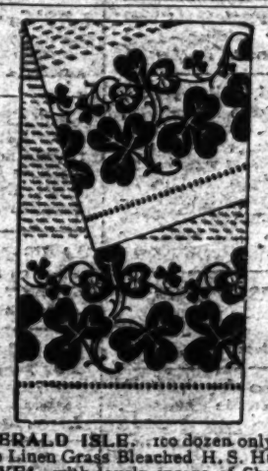

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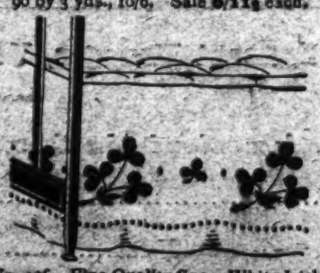

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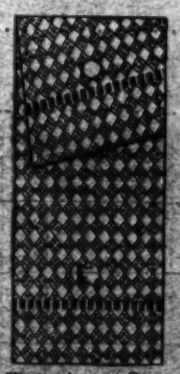

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80 by 3½	13/11	**11/9**	16/6	**12/8**	21/9	**15/11**
90 by 3	16/6	**12/11**	17/6	**13/11**	22/6	**16/11**
90 by 3½	17/6	**13/11**	19/6	**14/11**	23/6	**17/11**
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2 by 3½	16/6	**12/11**	18/6	**14/9**	23/6	**17/6**
2½ by 3½	19/11	**15/11**	23/9	**18/11**	27/6	**21/9**
2½ by 3½	23/9	**18/11**	27/6	**21/9**	30/6	**24/9**
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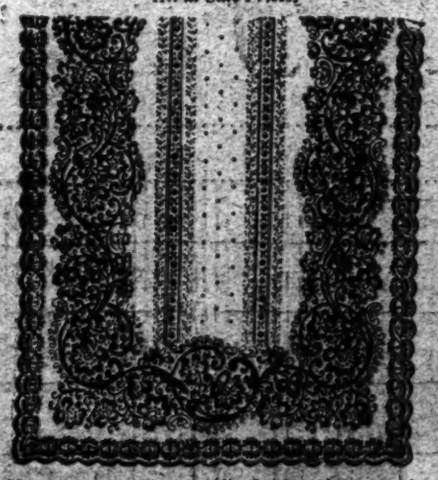

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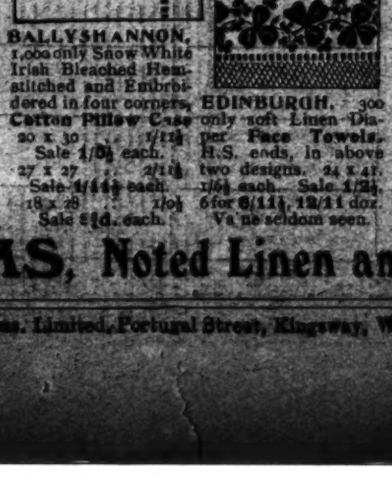

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